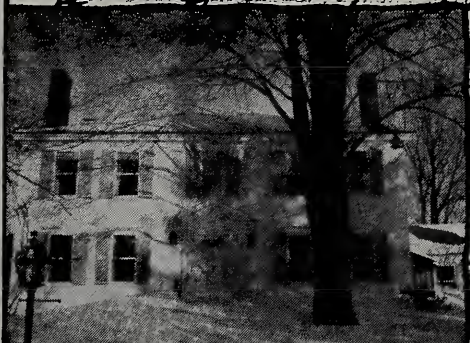


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4. Continue to improve and increase offerings in Vocational Education and programs for the Handicapped.

We have continued to retain the services of the Special Education Consortium, a venture that was initiated a few years ago to better serve our children in the Mascenic District who require special educational programs to meet their particular needs. With the enactment and full implementation of Public Law 94-142 we will depend quite heavily on the specialized services from the Consortium.

The metric workshop that was held during the year for all teachers in the Mascenic District was made possible by Mr. Fernand J. Prevost, Consultant, Mathematics Education, State Department of Education, Concord, New Hampshire. This workshop was just one out of several that was attended by our teachers as a part of our Staff Development Plan to better prepare ourselves in providing better classroom instruction to our pupils.

During this past year the Mascenic Regional School Board held 26 meetings, better than two per month. This doesn't take into consideration other related meetings held throughout the year such as P.T.A.'s, School Clubs, Open House, etc.

As another year closes, I would like to thank the Mascenic Regional School Board for their continued help and support throughout this past year. A special thanks to the Administrative Staff, Teachers, and all school personnel who have contributed greatly to a sound educational program for our girls and boys.

In conclusion a very special thanks to all the Mascenic Regional School District Community for their continued support of our schools.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The tax map was completed and is serving as an excellent tool for the Selectmen. To keep this document up to date so it continues to be a highly efficient tool, we have put money in the budget to update it. This will be an annual job.

Along this same line, we are again asking for money by warrant article to continue the surveying of town property. This will improve the tax map and let us know more about the town land. The survey money this year was used on land that had to be acquired for the construction of Brookline Rd.

The title of the Baldwin Lot on Sand Pit Rd. has been transferred from T. A. Eaton to the Town of Mason. The lot of land on Depot Rd. by the fire station was purchased from Robert H. Whitaker and the Highway Dept. has done considerable work on the lot to give more room for highway equipment.

A new police cruiser was bought for the Police Department.

We have been able to acquire Federal money to hire up to a crew of three and under the able direction of Don Armington we have repaired as needed and painted the outside of both the Town Hall and the Fire Station. In addition, much work has been done on the inside of these buildings and will continue into 1978.

The Highway Department had reached the point where we were hiring the equivalent of a full time employee in part time hours, so this year we hired Bruce Berry as a full time assistant to Curt Dunn. This has been a great help to Curt as they have continued to improve the roads.

We were also able to obtain Federal money to hire up to a crew of three to work on the roads cutting brush and other needed work. Also during the year we have had other C.E.T.A. employees. To make a big improvement in the winter roads, the Highway Dept. needs another sander that can be used on the town dump truck. This will cut by

several hours the time to get all the town roads sanded and increase the probability of always having a sander in the event of a breakdown.

We continue to stay in touch with Greenville for a solution to the solid waste problem. They are under orders by the State to have the open burning dump closed this year. Greenville will be making some important decisions at their Town Meeting.

COVER PICTURE

Mason Town Hall.

A Mason wood pile.

Wally Brown and Ann Molway in an old sleigh.

Hilltop: historic home of Mason's "Little Minister."

Pearces' doorway, former old stone schoolhouse.

Mason Congregational Church.

Donna Parker on her horse.

The old carriage sheds.

Old Tarbell Cemetery.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
Marie A. McCaffery	March 1978
Town Clerk	
Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1978
Treasurer	
Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1978
Selectmen	
Michael J. Farrey	March 1978
Raymond B. Parker	March 1979
Harold F. Elliott	March 1980
Tax Collector	
Linda J. Rousseau	March 1978
Auditor	
Cedric Valentine	March 1978
Supervisors of Check List	
Cedric Valentine	March 1978
Mary Gilson	March 1980
Laila Washburn	March 1982
Library Trustees	
Lillias Johnson	March 1978
Joanne Parker	March 1979
Anna Rowse	March 1980
Trustees of Cemeteries	
Edith Marshall	March 1978
Donald A. Armington	March 1979
Frank Newell	March 1980
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Kathryn Wilson	March 1978
James Rowse	March 1979
Robert G. Marshall	March 1980

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Term Expires

Health Officer

Helen McClain, Deceased

Kathleen Chase, Appointed

November 1978

Deputy Health Officer

Kenneth B. Wilson

November 1978

Ballot Clerks

Helvi Murto

November 1978

Katherine Hinckley

November 1978

Shirley Morley

November 1978

Charlotte Hastings

November 1978

Financial Advisory Committee

Robert Wilson

March 1978

Irene Smith

March 1979

Donald A. Armington

March 1980

James Rowse, Chairman

March 1981

Paul Stevens

March 1982

Robert Gillette, Alternate

Planning Board

Kenneth Wilson

March 1978

Jeannette Ammon

March 1979

David Baker

March 1980

Robert Bergeron

March 1981

Raymond B. Parker, Ex-Officio

Robert Robidoux, Alternate

Inis Gillette, Alternate

Isabelle Farrey, Secretary

Board of Adjustment

Albert Schlemmer

March 1978

Robert Bergeron

March 1979

Earle Robinson

March 1980

Cedric Valentine, Chairman

March 1981

Harold F. Elliott

March 1981

John Paron, Alternate

Helen Foot, Alternate

Janet Stevens, Alternate

Diane Smith, Secretary

Term Expires

Conservation Commission

Clifton W. Hastings, Chairman	March 1978
Ann Preston	March 1979
Barbara DeVore	March 1980
Florence Roberts	March 1981
Donald A. Armington	March 1982
Katherine Hinckley	March 1983

**Southwestern New Hampshire
Regional Planning Commission**

Harold F. Elliott	March 1978
Raymond B. Parker, Alternate	

**Library and Town Offices
Building Committee**

Lillias Johnson	March 1978
Jeannette Ammon	March 1979
James Rowse	March 1980
Michael J. Farrey	March 1981
Paul Stevens	March 1982

Sanitary Landfill Committee

Paul Stevens
Bruce Berry
Darrel Lawler
Harold F. Elliott, Ex-Officio

Historic District Commission

Norma Fortier, Chairman	March 1978
Claire Bowen	March 1978
Harold F. Elliott	March 1978
Elizabeth O. Jones	March 1979
Duane Brown	March 1979
Donald A. Armington	March 1980
Robert Robidoux	March 1980

Recreation Committee

Thomas Barker	March 1978
Donald A. Armington	March 1979
Priscilla Cook, Resigned	
Kent Forty, Appointed	March 1980
Charles Moore	March 1981
Earle P. Robinson	March 1982

Water Hole Committee

Charles Fifield
Bruce Berry
Curtis M. Dunn

Police Officers

Fred S. Gilson, Chief
John D. Paron, Sgt.
Ronald Lapointe, Sgt.
Steven Gilson
Daniel Elliott
Carl Chandler
Mary Gilson, Matron

Fire Chief

Alwin E. Hodson

Forest Fire Wardens

Alwin E. Hodson, Warden	Clifton Hastings, 2nd Deputy
Curtis M. Dunn, 1st Deputy	Kenneth Wilson, 3rd Deputy

Road Agent

Curtis M. Dunn

Building Inspector

Kenneth B. Wilson

Town Hall Custodian

Donald A. Armington

Sexton

Kenneth Cook

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The Polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the county of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there, to bring in your ballots for the following:

Selectman for 3 years

Town Clerk for 3 years

Treasurer for 3 years

Tax Collector for 3 years

Moderator for 2 years

Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years

Expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly

Tax Exemptions for Wind Powered Energy Systems

The Polls to close at 7:00 p.m. of the same day and at half past seven of the clock in the afternoon of the following day [Wednesday the 15th] at the same place to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to purchase from Bronson M. Potter for the purpose of holding for public use, both present and future, a certain tract or parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Old Ashby Road in said Mason, said to contain approximately ten (10) acres, more or less, and generally bounded and described as follows:

On the north by land formerly owned by the heirs of John Allison and land of Mrs. D. S. Tarbell, on the east

by said Tarbells land and land of O. A. Hamblett;
and on the south and west by the highway
and for purposes hereof to authorize the Selectmen to borrow
the sum of \$6,000.00 upon such terms and conditions as they
deem appropriate, to be repaid \$3,000.00 in 1979 and \$3,000.00
in 1980, and to issue notes of the Town therefor in accordance
with the provisions of RSA 33, as amended, or take any other
action with respect thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,787.00 for the purchase of a new Swenson Slip-In Sand Spreader for the Highway Department, with \$2,287 to be raised by taxation and \$2,500 to be borrowed for one year, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Highway Capital Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,750.00 for the purpose of making the 1978 payment on the Baldwin Lot and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to complete the schematic design phase of the Library and Town Office Building and to make test borings of the site, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take any action relating thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of making the 1978 payment of the 1976 Dump Truck Note and authorize the with-

drawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take any action relating thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the purchase of three (3) new self-contained breathing apparatus and cylinders for the Fire Department or take any action relating thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of fire apparatus or take any action relating thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund or take any action relating thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of installing an under drain system to alleviate a drainage problem on Old Ashby Road or take any action relating thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,285.00 for the purchase of a new radar unit for the Police Department and to take the necessary steps to apply for and to receive a grant from the N.H. Highway Safety Agency for reimbursement in the amount of \$642.50 or take any action relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of completing Phase 3 of the town recreation area on Sand Pit Road or take any action relating thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Town Clerk from accepting voter registration as stated in R.S.A. 559a.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a contract with another Town, or enter into an inter-local agreement under the provisions of RSA 53-A, as amended, for the disposal of refuse from Mason at recycling or other disposal facilities to be con-

structed or provided by such other Town, said contract to be for such number of years or other period of time and upon such terms and conditions as are mutually acceptable to Mason and such other Town, and to vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00, inclusive of any unexpended balance remaining in the Town Dump account, to pay such other Town for the disposal of Mason refuse for the remainder of 1978; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

MICHAEL J. FARREY
RAYMOND B. PARKER
HAROLD F. ELLIOTT

A true copy of Warrant — Attest

MICHAEL J. FARREY
RAYMOND B. PARKER
HAROLD F. ELLIOTT

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MASON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978 compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the previous January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

	Est. Rev. 1977	Act. Rev. 1977	Est. Rev. 1978
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,800	\$5,223	\$ 5,300
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,000	4,346	4,400
Savings Bank Tax	475	632	650
Reimbursement Forest Cons. Aid	2,100	400	500
Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	222	222	233
Gas Tax Subsidy	10,130	10,130	15,974
Duncan — Class V	8,967	8,967	10,335
From Revenue Sharing	19,765	28,260	12,250
From Anti-Recession Funds			942
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	450	637	650
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	1,700	1,699	1,700
Rent of Town Hall	50	15	100
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,600	2,416	2,400
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,000	15,572	15,600
Income from Trust Funds	1,300	1,300	1,300
Resident Taxes	4,000	3,180	3,300
Yield Taxes	400	2,143	1,000
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Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$72,959	\$85,142	\$76,634

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appro. 1977	Act. Exp. 1977	Est. Exp. 1978
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
Fees in Lieu of Salaries	4,000	3,024	4,000
Town Officers' Expenses	6,200	7,427	8,200
Election & Registration Exp.	400	123	400
Town Hall Expenses	3,500	3,906	3,700
Employees Retire. & S.S.	3,000	1,409	2,000
Employees Insurance	1,350	1,123	3,000
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Dept.	15,800	15,459	15,800
Fire Dept.	3,700	3,700	4,000
Water Hole Comm.	250	247	500
Insurance	8,440	6,070	19,500
Planning & Zoning	450	756	750
Legal Expenses	2,000	2,309	6,000
Dog Damage	400	0	400
Civil Defense	100	100	100
Communications Service	800	800	2,135
Health:			
Health Officer	50	0	50
Souhegan Valley Ambulance Serv.	2,610	2,610	2,610
Monadnock Visiting Nurse Assoc.	824	824	761
Town Dump	1,400	1,400	1,100
Highways and Bridges:			
Summer Roads	12,400	12,735	14,000
Winter Roads	15,200	17,283	17,470
Gas Tax Subsidy	10,130	10,150	10,136
New Highway Subsidy			5,838
Duncan (Class V)	8,967	8,917	10,335
Town Road Aid	798	798	804 *
General Highway Expenses	5,750	6,233	6,550
Street Lighting	500	393	500
Library	750	750	1,000
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	750	990	1,000
Old Age Assistance	300	562	1,500
Memorial Day	150	115	150
Parks, Playgrounds & Trees	500	484	500

Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000	1,000
Public Service Enterprises:			
Youth Corp Maint. Supplies	1,000	1,035	750
Cemeteries:	1,900	1,926	
General			700
Perpetual Care			1,300
Regional Associations	823	824	849
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,700	2,036	1,800
Interest on Long Term Notes	1,400	546	1,303
Contingency Fund	1,000	541	1,000
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Total Town Expenditures	\$122,492	\$120,805	\$155,691

* The State's contribution towards costs of T.R.A. roads in 1977 was \$5,323. In 1978 they will contribute \$5,357.

Summary of Town Officers' Salaries

Selectmen	\$ 1,400
Town Clerk	400
Treasurer	400
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	\$ 2,200

Summary of Fees in Lieu of Salaries

Tax Collector	\$ 1,291
Town Clerk	838
Building Inspector	895
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	\$ 3,024

Summary of Town Officers' Expenses

Clerical	\$ 2,708
Town Reports	1,248
Postage	340
Auditor	100
Mileage & Telephone	1,315
Town Clerk's Convention	112
Association Dues	35
Advertising	25
Supplies	536
Telephone	334
Board of Adjustment Expenses	234
Office Rental	300
Miscellaneous	140
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	\$ 7,427

Summary of Town Hall Expenses

Custodian	\$ 1,750
Supplies	234
Oil	1,040
Electricity	419
Gas	210
Repairs	159
Misc.	55
Labor	39
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	\$ 3,906

Summary of Police Department Expenses

Police Chief's Salary	\$11,354
Officers' Wages	1,611
Gas	1,084
Cruiser Maintenance	417
Telephone & Expenses	208
Uniforms & Supplies	415
Equipment Repairs	169
Signs	60
Misc.	141
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	\$15,459

Summary of General Highway Expenses

Gas	\$ 1,656
Maintenance Parts	1,046
Equipment Repairs	378
Supplies	820
Welding	489
Chainsaws and Parts	698
Chains	232
Tires, etc.	587
Electricity	167
Misc.	160
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	\$ 6,233

Summary of Summer Roads Expenses

Road Agent's Salary	\$ 5,082
Labor	3,318
Truck Rentals	336
Loader Rentals	440
Mileage	653
Grader	850
Oil	2,019
Misc.	37
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	\$12,735

Summary of Winter Roads Expenses

Road Agent's Salary	\$ 3,893
Labor	2,081
Truck Rentals	7,653
Loader Rental	2,570

Mileage	514
Gravel	31
Brush Chipper Rental	50
Salt	456
Misc.	35
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	\$17,283

Summary of Duncan (Class V) Expenses (Brookline Rd.)

Road Agent's Salary	\$ 1,806
Labor	1,705
Loader Rental	731
Crusher Rental	786
Gravel	880
Brush Chipper Rental	200
Bulldozer Rental	1,824
Culverts	691
Truck Rental	48
Grader	200
Misc.	46
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	\$ 8,917

Summary of Gas Tax Subsidy

Loader Rental	\$ 1,238
Truck Rentals	609
Crusher Rental	786
Patch	2,804
Grader	1,690
Gravel	166
Sweeper Rental	95
Oil	2,762
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	\$10,150

Summary of Contingency Expenses

Town Logs Milled	\$ 182
Gas Hose	19
Undercoating Town Dump Truck	140
Embankment Easement	200
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	\$ 541

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land — Improved & unimproved	\$2,604,380
Buildings	3,917,950
Public Utilities — Electric	446,664
Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers	
Assessed as Personal Property (22)	89,750
Boats	640

Total Valuations Before	
Exemptions Allowed	\$7,059,384
Exemptions — Elderly	95,350

Net Valuation on which	
Tax Rate is Computed	\$6,964,034

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

	Limits	No.	Est. Tax Credits
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700	1	\$ 700
All other qualified persons	50	70	3,500

Total number and Amount		71	\$4,200

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1977

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,200 00
Town Officers' Expenses	6,200 00
Fees in Lieu of Salaries	4,000 00
Election & Registration Expenses	400 00
Town Hall Expenses	3,500 00
Employee Insurance	1,350 00
Social Security & Retirement Contr.	3,000 00
Contingency Fund	1,000 00
Police Dept.	15,800 00
Fire Dept.	3,700 00
Planning & Zoning	450 00
Dog Damage	400 00
Insurance	8,440 00
Civil Defense	100 00
Conservation Commission	1,000 00
Water Hole Comm.	250 00
Communications Service	800 00
Health Dept. (incl. Ambulance)	2,660 00
Town Dump	1,400 00
Monadnock Visiting Nurse Assoc.	824 00
Town Road Aid	798 00
Town Maintenance	46,697 00
Street Lighting	500 00
Gen. Hwy. Expenses	5,750 00
Library	750 00
Town Poor	750 00
Old Age Assistance	300 00
Memorial Day	150 00
Parks & Playgrounds	500 00
Cemeteries	1,900 00
Youth Corps Maint. Supplies	1,000 00
Legal Expenses	2,000 00
Regional Assoc.	823 00
Long Term Notes	8,000 00
Interest on Long Term Notes	1,400 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,700 00
W.A. No. 4 — Whitaker Land	1,900 00
W.A. No. 5 — Fire Hose	4,760 00

W.A. No. 6 — Survey	1,000 00
W.A. No. 7 — Police Cruiser	4,162 00
W.A. No. 9 — Recreation Area	2,000 00
W.A. No. 13 — Window Drapes	340 00
Capital Reserve Funds	4,000 00

Total Town Appropriations	<u>\$148,654 00</u>
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Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Resident Taxes	\$ 3,870 00	
Yield Taxes	1,786 00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,040 00	
Resident Tax Penalties	95 00	
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,065 00	
Interest & Dividends Tax	5,223 00	
Savings Bank Tax	632 00	
Highway Subsidy	10,130 00	
Class V Highway Maint.	8,967 00	
Reim. a-c State & Federal Forest Land	400 00	
Reim. a-c Road Toll Refund	384 00	
Dog Licenses	450 00	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	1,700 00	
Rent of Town Property	50 00	
Interest Received on Deposits	500 00	
Income from Trust Funds	1,300 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,000 00	
Fruitdale Grange Gift	398 00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	5,070 00	
Revenue Sharing Funds	19,260 00	
Total Revenues & Credits	<u>77,320 00</u>	
Net Town Appropriations (Appropriations minus Revenues)	\$ 71,334 00	
Net School Appropriations	207,795 00	
County Tax Assessments	13,922 00	
Total of Town, School & County	<u>\$293,051 00</u>	

Deduct: Business Profits Tax Reim.	1,066 00
Add: War Service Credits	4,200 00
Add: Overlay	2,572 00
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Property Taxes to be Raised	\$298,757 00
Less: War Service Tax Credits	4,200 00
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Total Tax Commitment	\$294,557 00
Net Property Valuation \$6,964,034 × \$4.29 =	\$298,757 00

1977 Tax Rate

Town	\$1.11
County	.20
School	2.98
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	\$4.29

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	2,200		2,200	2,200		
Fees in lieu of Salaries	4,000		4,000	3,024	976	
Town Officers' Expenses	6,200	104	6,304	7,532		1,228
Election & Registration Exp.	400		400	123	277	
Town Hall Expenses	3,500	4,275	7,775	8,181		406
Employees Retirement & S.S.	3,000	2,039	5,039	3,448	1,591	
Employees Insurance	1,350	1,568	2,918	2,690	228	
Police Dept.	15,800	344	16,144	15,803	341	
Fire Dept.	3,700		3,700	3,700		
Water Holes	250		250	247	3	
Insurance	8,440	1,840	10,280	7,910	2,370	
Planning	450	250	700	1,006		306
Legal Expenses	2,000		2,000	2,309		309
Dog Damage	400		400	0	400	
Civil Defense	100		100	100		
Communications Service	800		800	800		
Health Officer	50		50	0	50	
S.V. Ambulance Service	2,610		2,610	2,610		
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	824		824	824		
Town Dump	1,400		1,400	1,400		
Summer Roads	12,400	7,839	20,239	20,573		334
Winter Roads	15,200	3,941	19,141	21,224		2,083
Gas Tax Subsidy	10,130		10,130	10,150		20
Duncan (Class V Hwy.)	8,967		8,967	8,917	50	

Town Road Aid	798			798		
General Hwy. Expenses	5,750	472		6,222		483
Street Lighting	500			500	107	
Library	750			750		
Town Poor	750	28		778		239
Old Age Assistance	300			300		262
Memorial Day	150			150		
Parks & Playgrounds	500			500	35	
Conservation Commission	1,000			1,000	16	
Youth Corp Supplies	1,000			1,000		35
Cemeteries	1,900	151		2,051		27
Regional Assoc.	823			823		1
Interest on Temp. Loans	1,700			1,700		336
Interest on Long Term Notes	1,400			1,400	854	
Contingency Fund	1,000			1,000	459	
W.A. #4 - Whitaker Lot	1,900			1,900		
W.A. #5 - Fire Hose	4,760			4,760		
W.A. #6 - Land Survey	1,000			1,000		
W.A. #7 - Police cruiser	4,162			4,162		
W.A. #8 - Highway Equip. Fund	1,000			1,000		
W.A. #9 - Recreation Area	2,000			2,000	1	
W.A. #10 - Library & Town Office Building Fund	3,000			3,000		
W.A. #11 - Fire Truck Note	5,000			5,000		
W.A. #12 - Dump Truck Note	3,000			3,000		
W.A. #13 - Town Hall Curtains	340			340	16	
	<u>\$148,654</u>	<u>\$22,851</u>		<u>\$171,505</u>	<u>\$7,774</u>	<u>\$6,069</u>
					6,069	
					<u>\$1,705</u>	

Net Unexpended Balances of Appropriations

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1977

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer:

Checking Account	\$ 16,703.13
Savings Account	1,843.12
Conservation Comm. Account	3,001.33
Revenue Sharing Account	1,723.86
Petty Cash Accounts	75.00
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Highway Capital Equipment	3,299.84
Fire Truck	38.46
Uncollected Taxes	126,681.50

Total Assets	\$153,366.24

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 1,723.86
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	357.12
County Tax	13,922.35
School District Tax	112,795.00
Unremitted Payroll Deductions	1,698.79
Anti-Recession Funds	942.00
Capital Reserve Funds	3,338.30

Total Liabilities	\$134,777.42
Surplus	18,588.82

Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$153,366.24

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

December 31, 1977

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long-Term Notes

	Dump Truck (Serial Notes) 1976 5%	Baldwin Lot (Promis. Note) 1977 4%	
Maturities	Original Amount:	Original Amount:	Total Annual Maturities
	\$6,000.00	\$20,250.00	
1978	\$3,000.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
1979		6,750.00	6,750.00
1980		6,750.00	6,750.00
Total	\$3,000.00	\$20,250.00	\$23,250.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	\$ 95,000 00
Furniture & Equipment	1,500 00
Library	
Furniture & Equipment	13,300 00
Police Department	
Equipment	12,200 00
Fire Department	
Equipment	40,000 00
Highway Department	
Equipment	14,750 00
Gas Tank & Pump	2,500 00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$180,250 00

TOWN OWNED LAND

Obtained by Purchase

22 a. Lucy Lawrence Lot	\$ 1,320 00
2 a. R .Whitaker Lot	1,900 00
87 a. Baldwin Lot	27,000 00

Obtained by Gift

25 a. Coyne Lot	1,500 00
25 a. Beck Lot	1,500 00
6 a. Rowse Lot	17,750 00
1.37 a. Cumback/Hageman Lot	1,500 00

Obtained by Tax Sale

20 a. Robbins Lot	
12 a. Henry Barrett Lot	
5 a. Shattuck Lot	
15 a. Pt. Farwell Farm	
11 a. Hall Lot	
20 a. Jeft Lot	
30 a. Foster Lot	
25 a. Sawtelle Lot	9,280 00
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	\$ 61,750 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1977 \$ 00.00

Cash Received:

Dogs —

Male & S. Female (144) \$ 362.00

Female (12) 63.00

Kennels (4) 81.00

Penalties 130.50

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636.50

Auto Registration 15,571.90

Misc. 1.00

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Total Received \$16,209.40

Paid to Treasurer \$16,200.90

On Hand ('76 Auto Reg.) 8.50

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\$16,209.40

Petty Cash January 1, 1977 \$ 52.00

Paid Treasurer 2.00

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Petty Cash December 31, 1977 \$ 50.00

CHARLES F.H. CRATHERN, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1977

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$294,557 06	
Resident Taxes	3,810 00	
Total Warrants	-----	\$298,367 06
Yield Taxes		2,142 71

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	120 00
Land Use Change Taxes	330 00

Overpayments during Year:

a-c Property Taxes	108 25
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	26 00

Total Debits	\$301,094 02
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$167,995 22	
Resident Taxes	3,180 00	
Yield Taxes	2,142 71	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	26 00	
	-----	\$173,343 93

Abatements Made during Year:

Property Taxes	1,088 59
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Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1977:

(As per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$125,581 50	
Resident Taxes	750 00	
Land Use Change Tax	330 00	
	-----	126,661 50

Total Credits	\$301,094 02
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of Jan. 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$36,871 08	
Resident Taxes	500 00	
	-----	\$ 37,371 08

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes		10 00
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Property Taxes		1,046 92
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		42 00

Total Debits		\$ 38,470 00
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$36,134 30	
Resident Taxes	400 00	
Interest Collected during Year	1,046 92	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	42 00	
	-----	\$ 37,623 22

Abatements Made during Year:

Property Taxes	\$736 78	
Resident Taxes	90 00	
	-----	826 78

Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1977:

(As per Collector's List)

Resident Taxes		20 00

Total Credits		\$ 38,470 00
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Tax Sales on Account of Levy of 1976

— DR. —

Taxes sold to town during Current Fiscal Year	\$ 1,524 50
Interest Collected after Sale	2 32
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Total Debits	\$ 1,526 82

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Year:	
Redemptions	\$ 1,524 50
Interest & Costs after Sale	2 32
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Total Credits	\$ 1,526 82

LINDA J. ROUSSEAU, Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	\$ 10,262.44
Cash Received from Selectmen	330,766.66
Cash Received from Tax Collector	212,493.97
Cash Received from Town Clerk	16,209.40

Total Cash Received 1977	\$569,732.47
Selectmen's Orders Paid	553,029.34

Cash on Hand December 31, 1977	\$ 16,703.13

Town Savings Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	\$ 50,141.77
Interest Earned	1,259.35
Anti-Recession Payments	942.00

Total Cash Received	\$ 52,343.12
Transfer to Checking Account	50,500.00

Savings Account	\$ 801.12
Anti-Recession Funds	942.00
Andy's Playhouse	100.00

Balance as of December 31, 1977	\$ 1,843.12

Revenue Sharing Savings Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	\$ 6,803.24
1977 Deposits	21,747.00
Interest Earned	1,433.62

Total Cash on Hand	\$ 29,983.86
Withdrawals:	
Tax Map	\$ 9,000.00
Whitaker Land	1,500.00
Dump Truck Note	3,000.00
Fire Truck Note	5,000.00
Fire Hose	4,760.00
Town Survey	1,000.00
Hwy. Equip. Fund	1,000.00
Library & Town Off.	
Bldg. Fund	3,000.00

Total Withdrawals	28,260.00

Balance as of December 31, 1977	\$ 1,723.86

Conservation Commission Savings Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	\$ 2,085.77
Interest Earned	110.56
Balance of 1977 Funds	805.00

Balance as of December 31, 1977	\$ 3,001.33

CHARLES F.H. CRATHERN, Town Treasurer

RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977		\$ 60,262.44
Property Taxes (1977)	\$167,995.22	
Resident Taxes (1977)	3,180.00	
Yield Taxes (1977)	2,142.71	
Property & Yield Taxes (Previous Year)	36,134.30	
Resident Taxes (Previous Years)	400.00	
Interest & Penalties	1,114.92	
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,526.82	
FROM LOCAL TAXES	—————	212,493.97
FROM STATE		35,512.63
From Local Sources, Except Taxes	\$ 21,184.45	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	135,000.00	
Insurance Adjustments	28,596.59	
Refunds	1,693.92	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	3,404.28	
Misc.	6.50	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	170.00	
Revenue Sharing	28,260.00	
Anti-Recession Funds	942.00	
C.E.T.A.	43,245.64	
FROM OTHER SOURCES	—————	262,503.38
 TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED		 \$570,772.42

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$21,383.72	
Protection of Persons & Property	59,162.08	
Health	4,834.00	
Highways & Bridges	68,761.17	
Library	750.00	
Public Welfare	2,614.08	
Patriotic Purposes	115.00	
Recreation	483.81	
Public Service Enterprises	2,077.63	
Unclassified	35,184.26	
TOTAL CURRENT		
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	—————	\$195,365.75
Debt Service		145,582.38
Capital Outlay		28,631.03
Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes		82.28
Payments to School District		183,606.73
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977		17,504.25
		—————
		\$570,772.42

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the officers of the Town for the year 1977. My examination indicates that all receipts and expenditures have been accounted for and that the various reports will show a true statement of all financial transactions of the Town for 1977.

CEDRIC VALENTINE, Town Auditor

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Mason is responsible for the maintenance of 15 miles of paved roads. This year we were able to patch all of these roads and seal Wilton Rd., Mitchell Rd., Old County Rd., and part of the Starch Mill Rd., a total of 3.7 miles. With material costs rising so rapidly, it is much more economical in the long run to patch and seal all that we can afford to at this time.

We are responsible for 22 miles of gravel roads. This year all were graded in the spring and then in the fall most were graded again. 1,566 yards of gravel were added to the base of the gravel roads during the grading in an effort to continue their improvement. The crushing of bank run gravel was done this year for the first time. 472 yards of this gravel was used as a top dressing on both the Wilton Rd. and Starch Mill Rd. This processed gravel, after crushing, is uniform in size and somewhat flat-sided. This allows the gravel to pack much better, minimizing pot holes, labor of picking out any large stones, and will even reduce grading costs. With the traffic load continually increasing, it is very important for us to find ways of building better roads.

All the culverts were cleaned and inspected during the year. Several of these still need to be flushed out while others that are the old stone culverts should be replaced with metal ones. We plan to continue our progress in this area each year.

We were fortunate to have the C.E.T.A. program this year, allowing us to cut brush and trim limbs on 3 miles of roads, then spot cut and trim in many other areas. This work will continue until June of 1978 and if the C.E.T.A. program is reinstated, we will be able to complete a great deal more.

The Brookline Rd. reconstruction project is continuing in good shape with the assistance of State TRA and Duncan funds. Due to difficulties in obtaining embankment releases from land owners, we were late in starting the work this year. The decision was made to build the road base and let it settle through the winter, then pave next year along with the new progress.

In March of this year, we had two heavy, wet snow storms that caused our winter budget to run over. We suffered heavy damage to the limbs of trees during these storms and this hindered the removal of the snow.

We again thank the many citizens of Mason who assisted us during the year. Many thanks to Don Armington. Don mans his C.B. base station night and day during the storms and is a relay for the crews that are working. He can be credited with the fast rescue of stuck plows, coordination of equipment and getting messages to the crews from their families or friends.

We also thank the Mason Volunteer Fire Dept. for the use of their property and equipment for the past year. We are gradually developing our own property on Depot Rd. next to the Fire Station and in time we will have our own headquarters, but for now we are deeply in debt to the Mason Volunteer Fire Dept. for giving us a home.

The Town of Mason is growing and as it grows the roads get more and more use. This increased wear and tear coupled with rising costs of materials, labor and supplies means higher budgets in the future. The highway dept. with the assistance of the Selectmen and the Financial Advisory Board are continually searching for ways to improve our efficiency in hopes of defraying, at least to some extent, these increased costs.

CURTIS M. DUNN, Road Agent

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

Boynton School Fund

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$11,638.97
Interest Received	\$ 722.60	
Interest Paid to Mascenic School	(853.54)	
Cash & Certificate on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$11,508.03

Stearns Common School Fund

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$11,327.89
Interest Received	\$ 690.67	
Interest Paid to Mascenic School	(800.00)	
Cash & Certificate on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$11,218.56

Cemetery Fund (Perpetual Care)

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan .1, 1977		\$16,962.85
New Fund	\$ 400.00	
Interest Received	1,100.72	
Maintenance Payments — Town of Mason	(1,300.00)	
Cash & Certificate on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$17,163.57

Library & Town Office Building Fund

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 6,962.97
New Funds	\$ 4,212.47	
Interest Received	875.91	
Paid to Town of Mason	(400.00)	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$11,651.35

Cemetery Land Improvement Fund

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 1,270.81
Interest Received	\$ 81.02	
Cash & Certificate on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$ 1,351.83

Locke Library Fund

Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 3,709.94
Interest Received	\$ 243.48	
Paid to Library Trustees	(240.00)	
Cash & Certificate on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	—————	\$ 3,713.42

Capital Reserve Funds
Revenue Sharing Trust

Cash & Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$11,019.50
Interest Received	\$ 367.57	
Paid to Town of Mason	(11,387.07)	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	<hr/>	\$ 0.00

Highway Capital Equipment Fund

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 3,583.19
New Funds	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest Received	126.65	
Paid to Town of Mason	(1,410.00)	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	<hr/>	\$ 3,299.84

Police Cruiser

Certificate on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 2,068.88
Interest Received	\$ 35.40	
Paid to Town of Mason	(2,104.28)	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	<hr/>	\$ 0.00

Fire Truck

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 36.50
Interest Received	\$ 1.96	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	<hr/>	\$ 38.46

Total Cash & Certificates on Hand Dec. 31, 1977		<hr/> \$59,945.06
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Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of Trust Funds
JAMES A. ROWSE
KATHRYN WILSON
ROBERT G. MARSHALL

LIBRARY REPORT

Mason Library added 235 books to its collection during 1977. 170 of these were gifts and we are indebted to Mrs. Charles Crathern, to Bronson Potter, to Captain and Mrs. Robert Polk, to the Gillette family, the Rowse family, the Parker family and to Twig. The Morley family, William Wildes, Janet Brown, Mrs. Ernest Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Deane Bassett and many others gave us books.

Our magazine collection is small but well used. Bob Rogers gives us Yankee, the Rowses give Highlights for Children, Twig gives Cricket, and the Conservation Commission gives us Ranger Rick. Consumer Reports and National Geographic are purchased by the library.

The Hillstown Cooperative will continue to lend us books we request, and it also offers us a great saving on the books we buy. The monthly meetings keep us aware of new trends in library administration and help us to learn new techniques.

Gifts of money and books have been received in memory of Elsie Resor, who passed away this year. She served the Mason Library as Librarian from 1954 to 1964 and will always be remembered for her long and faithful service. We hope to plan something very special as a memorial to her when we erect our new library. Our thanks go to Sue Cummings, her niece, for allowing us to select a number of Elsie's books for our library.

We thank all of our readers, our generous friends, our snow removal crew and Elsie Boyle, who seldom misses her weekly stint at the library. Barbara Cumback reluctantly gave up her library work to work at a bookstore. She served a term as Library Trustee and worked for several years on Thursdays, our busiest day of the week. We miss her, but we are grateful for all her help in the past. Anna Rowse has replaced her as Trustee and worker.

Last but not least, we thank The Grapevine for giving us a column each month. This gives us an opportunity to tell

everyone about the new books available. We hope every person in Mason will visit the library at least once in 1978.

LILLIAS JOHNSON
JOANNE PARKER
ANNA ROWSE
Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Income	
Balance on Hand	\$ 510 57
Town Appropriation	750 00
Trust Fund	180 00
Misc.	125 50
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Total Income	\$1,566 07

Expenses	
Salary	\$ 100 00
Fuel	415 56
Books & Magazines	252 72
Supplies	59 25
Dues	9 00
Misc.	152 50
Transferred to Savings Account	500 00
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Total Expenses	\$1,489 03
Balance — Checking Account	77 04
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	\$1,566 07

Balance — Savings Account \$2,083 95

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the year 1977 Carl Chandler has been added to the list of personnel of the Mason Police Department. Previous to joining us Carl was an active member of the Brookline Department for six years.

With the increase in speeding complaints received this year by this Department, an article has been put in the Warrant for a hand held radar unit. This unit has been tried in the Town of Mason and I believe it to be the most practical for the conditions that exist in this Town.

This unit would be purchased with matching funds through the Highway Safety Program on a 50-50 basis.

Activity Report for 1977

Motor vehicle accidents	24
B & E & L	12
Larceny of property	6
Property recovered	5
Animal complaints	41
Complaints received (other)	80
Missing persons	1
School problems	2
Juvenile problems	10
Assist to other towns & State	10
Assist to disabled vehicles	10
Emergency hospital trips	7
Assist on ambulance calls	8
Fire calls	8
Special details	10
Stolen vehicles recovered	3
Summonses & warrants issued	8
Court Cases	101
House of correction	3
Domestic problems	10
Malicious damage	6
VIN checks	8

Mason Police Department Personnel

Chief — Fred S. Gilson

Sergeant — John D. Paron

Sergeant — Ronald LaPointe

Patrolman — Daniel Elliott

Patrolman — Steven F. Gilson

Patrolman — Carl Chandler

FRED S. GILSON, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE MASON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1977

In late November Engine 2 was put back in service after the accident of December 29th of last year. During the year that this truck was out of service we had a replacement piece from the Townsend Fire Department. This has been returned to Townsend, along with our thanks.

The 1967 Reo tanker is not yet in service as of the end of 1977 but should be in service by Town Meeting time. It is badly needed as Tanker 1 is now out of service with a blown engine and a bad transmission. We will not put this piece back in service as it is too old for our purposes. The Department will sell it in the Spring.

We have also obtained, from the State Forestry Division, a 3/4 ton four wheel drive weapons carrier. The engine must be rebuilt in this and it will be converted to a forestry truck by the Department at no cost to the Town. This will then give us 2 pumpers, a tanker, and a four wheel drive forestry vehicle, which is all we need at this time, excluding vehicle replacement which we should plan for. Engine 1 still runs well but parts are hard to obtain. This piece is 34 years old.

We have had problems with improperly installed and maintained wood stoves. The Department will inspect these and make recommendations at no charge. Please take advantage of this service. An improperly installed wood stove is dangerous.

The Department is still quite short-handed. Those who think they might be interested should call the Chief or any member of the Department. You will be welcome at any of our meetings.

Department members attended Fire School at Lily Pond.

We wish to thank our neighboring towns for Mutual Aid assistance during the year.

Activity Report 1977

Public buildings inspected	4
Private buildings inspected (by owner's request)	3
Structural fires	12
Car fires	1
Special service calls	6
Smoke investigation	4
False alarms	2
Brush fires	5
Oil burner inspected	9
Mutual Aid given	9
Mutual Aid received	4

Respectfully submitted,
ALWIN E. HODSON, Fire Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has completed a very busy year. Since the town continues to grow, its role becomes increasingly important.

The main purpose of the board continues to be the subdivision of land. This year 10 minor subdivisions of land were approved. Five lot plans were stamped for "recording purposes only", meaning that they are existing lots and meet the requirements for building.

We had a request for a major subdivision of over 400 acres into 71 house lots, later revised to 55. The Board spent a great deal of time conducting an impact study. The study revealed that at this time such a large subdivision would be too costly for the Town and the Board voted unanimously to deny it.

On Sept. 13th there was a special town meeting called for the purpose of voting amendments to the Planning Ordinance. The amendments set up guidelines for the Board of Adjustment to use in making their decisions when dealing with special exceptions. Many small businesses require a special exception from the Board of Adjustment in order to operate in the Town of Mason. There were three public hearings, well attended by our townspeople. The townspeople worked very closely with the Board in developing the amendments to their final form. An excellent turnout at the polls adopted the amendments.

The present Planning Ordinance is over ten years old and the ordinance has done its job well. We feel that the time has come for a new look at the needs of our town.

We have been meeting with Larry Sterling of the Southwestern N.H. Regional Planning Commission hoping to develop a new planning ordinance. The new plan has many names; Land Use Plan and Master Plan are but two. Basically what these titles mean, we look at our goals, what we want the town to be, then design the ordinance to do the job. Soils are studied, also water run-off areas, topography, environment, historical areas, natural resources and special interest features are all taken into consideration. With this knowledge, we are able to plan the land for its best use.

Planning Board meetings are all public and you are invited to assist us in this work.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Virginia Abbott. Ginny had been an alternate member to the Board. She was very helpful during this busy year and we all miss her.

Peg Gillette has been appointed to the Board as an alternate member replacing Virginia Abbott. Peg seems very interested in our work and we look forward to working with her.

Bob Robidoux has taken Jan Ammon's place as the representative to the Historic District Commission.

The Planning Board meets regularly on the last Thursday of each month, with work meetings earlier in the month. You are welcome to join and help us.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND B. PARKER, Acting Chairman

**REPORT OF THE
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Covering Projected Items of Expenditures for 1978**

The committee met with the Selectmen and various department heads in January and early February to consider proposed budgets for 1978. Items worthy of mention are considered below:

1. An increase of \$2,000 in Town Officers' Expenses is approved. The appropriation of \$6,200 in 1977 proved to be inadequate resulting in an overdraft of \$1,227. Further increases are anticipated in 1978. It will again cost more to produce the town report. It will take more clerical help and a slight increase in the hourly rate. More miles will be travelled at the new rate of 15 cents per mile. More meetings and conventions are scheduled. The Board of Adjustment costs are up and the new filing cabinet has been purchased for \$100.

2. Fees in lieu of salaries are not an item to be raised by taxation. The figure of \$4,000 covers an increase for dog licenses and allows for a greater number of cars being registered during 1978. The Tax Collector's fee rate remains at one half of one percent and she is content with the increase available through the continual increase in the amount of taxes billed. No increase in the salary of the Town Clerk or the Treasurer is recommended at this time. Election and registration expenses were considerably under expended in 1977. The off year elections are coming up this fall however, and it is felt the \$400 figure should be maintained.

3. Town Hall expenses reflect the increased activity in the building.

4. Employees' insurance is up due to the addition of two more people added to the policy on dependent coverage. A portion of this increase serves as a raise in pay for one of the highway employees.

5. The Fire Department has requested an inflationary increase of \$300 which was approved.

6. As to the provision for establishing water holes in the critical areas around town, it was felt that the \$250 provided last year was not adequate to bring in the large equipment necessary to properly construct a sufficient number of new water supply areas.

7. An increase of some \$11,600 in the insurance item is misleading because of a late audit by the insurance company. Adjustments to the charges covering Workmen's Compensation

were not received in time to pay them from the amount appropriated in 1977. The actual amount expended by the town in 1977 should have been \$9,171 showing an overdraft of some \$631. The difference is still alarming when you consider that the new figure of \$19,500 is more than twice the adjusted figure for 1977. Other than stating that the 1978 figure includes moderate increases in all types of coverages and adds \$600 for a policy covering false arrest by the police and \$1,000 to cover a \$1,000,000 umbrella over most of our policies, we will leave the detailed explanation to Mr. Paul Stevens, an insurance executive, and a member of our committee. He will take up the problem on the town hall floor at the budget hearing and at town meeting. We had very little choice but to approve this higher figure.

8. Under Planning, the Board expects continued activity involving increased costs of operation.

9. A considerable increase in the amount budget for legal expense reflects an estimate of the town counsel's fee in 1978 in the amount of \$2,500. It involves an invoice the town recently paid concerning Attorney Nixon's fees for \$2,500 in defending the Police Chief and the town against a suit for false arrest in the amount of \$100,000. Although Chief Gilson is now in the clear, the town is not yet entirely out of it and there could be additional fees charged by Attorney Nixon running as high as \$1,000.

10. An entirely new set-up has been established by the Nelson Answering Service for billing purposes. Instead of a flat fee of \$800, they are now charging at a rate of \$3.50 per capita. The \$2,135 projected charge was a matter of considerable investigation. Our fire and police departments advise that Nelson has put as much as \$13,000 into new radio and antenna equipment, all of which has brought about a considerable improvement in the ability of our two critical departments to make immediate contact in emergency situations. Other costs incurred by Nelson now that family members are no longer available to answer the phones, involve the hiring of people on a 24-hour basis to man the service.

11. The summer and winter roads figures, as well as the general highway expense account are approved practically as submitted by the Road Agent. It is hoped that at least \$3,000 of Duncan money might be used to offset the summer road figure to a degree.

12. The Library finds it necessary to up their budget to

\$1,000 to cover inflationary costs, expensive new books and higher prices for fuel.

13. Old Age Assistance is up by reason of one more person being added to the rolls.

Warrant Articles

The committee, in cooperation with the Selectmen, have given considerable thought to the warrant articles. As originally proposed, they added up to \$48,000 and together with Town and School Budget Items reflected a \$12 increase in the tax rate. At the close of our deliberations, we ended up with a total of \$27,122. To comment on the various items:

1. As much as we desire a new building for our library and town offices, we reduced our original request of \$6,000 to \$1,000 which simply covers our obligations to the architect and the borings at the site.

2. The police cruiser reserve appropriation which originally ran at \$1,000 per year was approved at \$1,500 so that the purchase of a new cruiser would be adequately covered at three year intervals.

3. Requests for a public phone at the town hall were denied.

4. The \$1,000 to survey town land was put off until next year.

5. A request for \$9,000 to purchase the 7 acre Whitaker Lot from Bronson Potter was split three ways with \$3,000 to be raised and appropriated this year and the balance of \$6,000 to be borrowed over a period of two years.

6. Chief Hodson made a request for 3 Breathing Units totaling \$1,800 with the Department buying a fourth unit with its own money. This would place two units on each pumper and would replace the present units which become obsolete in March of this year. Although the Chief also requested that \$4,000 be set aside in a Fire Equipment Reserve Fund in order to eventually replace the older Seagraves unit, we did not consider this to be the appropriate year for starting that fund. The Chief felt that something should be placed in this fund, however, and we did go along with a minimum figure of \$1,000.

7. It was felt that the \$1,000 to drain the Town Hall parking lot might be handled by the road department through the use of other funds available to them.

8. We approved the expenditure of \$1,500 for a new culvert on Old Ashby Rd. in order to divert run-off from entering a private well.

9. Of the \$5,787 requested to purchase a new road sander, we recently found ourselves in a situation where it was necessary to rent this sander for two months at a cost of \$1,000. That amount will be taken from the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund leaving a balance of \$4,787 if we decide to purchase the unit. In the event we do purchase it, we recommend that the town appropriate \$2,287 and borrow the balance of \$2,500 for a period of one year.

10. The item of \$1,285 for a police radar handgun is approved subject to the State's willingness to reimburse 50% of the cost.

11. The \$3,500 requested by the recreation department was reduced to \$2,000 as we felt the only work the department would accomplish during this year was the grading, loaming, liming, seeding and establishing the sod while the other items requested would not be needed until 1979.

12. The request for \$600 for cemetery wall repair was put off until next year.

Concluding Statement

We are still bucking the tides which persist in carrying our costs to higher and higher levels. School costs continue to mount year by year due to greater enrollment, salary increases, higher prices for learning materials and great plant operation costs. This year we have to consider the fact that we must support the new addition to our school system, namely Appleton Academy, which the three towns voted to purchase and set up at the last annual school meeting.

Our tax base rose in 1977. We trust that applications for Current Land Use Abatements have reached their zenith and that sufficient new building will occur so that our tax base will further improve in 1978.

We continue to put forth our best efforts to serve all phases of town government faithfully and well, reducing the costs of running the town to the lowest reasonable levels.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. ROWSE, Chairman

PAUL STEVENS

ROBERT WILSON

IRENE SMITH

DONALD ARMINGTON

ROBERT GILLETTE, Alternate

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

January 15, 1978

Mason, N. H. 03048

Board of Selectmen

Town of Mason, N. H.

Gentlemen:

“Report of the Building Inspector of the Town of Mason.”

There have been forty (40) building permits issued during 1977. They were issued for the following, and the total of the owners' valuation is listed.

(13) Permanent Dwellings	\$320,114
(11) Additions to Homes	39,655
(1) Replacing Mobile Home	200
(5) Garages	18,700
(2) Barns	5,100
(1) Barn Addition	500
(1) Septic System	2,300
(1) Screen House	450
(1) Wood Shed	700
(1) L.P. Bulk Storage Tank	5,000
(1) Solar and Green House Addition	3,000
(1) Green House Addition	600
(1) Art-Studio Work Room	2,000
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	\$398,319

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH B. WILSON, Building Inspector

Town of Mason, N. H.

REPORT OF THE MASON NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

1976-1977 In-School Program

1977 C.E.T.A. Title One Summer Youth Orientation Program

1977-1978 In-School Program

All of the above are part of the C.E.T.A. Hillsborough County Program under the direction of Southern New Hampshire Services, Gale F. Hennesy, Executive Director. Eight youth participated in the 1976-1977 In-School Program; nineteen in the 1977 Vocational Orientation Program; and nine are part of the 1977-1978 In-School Program. Mason In-School Programs are directed toward custodial care for the most part.

The Summer Program includes roadside clean-up, playground safety and maintenance, removal of ragweed, lawn care, forestry, control of poison ivy, Mason School and Town Hall grounds; and most importantly, "Project Discovery," a career exploration covering thirty subjects (such as law enforcement, small engine repair, biological sciences and technology, and working with senior citizens). There were trips to Hendrix Wire and Cable Corporation in Milford and the General Electric Plant in Merrimack. Both trips were arranged by Mrs. Josephine Steckevicz, counselor, who also arranged for a free lunch at McDonald's in the General Electric trip. The trips increased interest in "Project Discovery." Summer hours worked were thirty per week, divided between "Project Discovery" and regular work time. In-School hours worked are fifteen per week.

The Mason Youth Corps wishes to thank Special Counselor S.N.H.S., also the principal and counselor at the Mascenic School for special help during the summer of 1977. We also would like to thank the Mason Road Agent, C. M. Dunn, Mascenic School custodians Leo Alix and Lane Whitney, Youth Corps Director Mark Romignoli, Counselors Josephine Steckevicz and Genevieve Dowing, the Board of Selectmen, and all of the townspeople who have co-operated to make the program a success.

DONALD A. ARMINGTON, Mason Supervisor

SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

Annual Report to the Towns

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. (SVAS) is a non-profit, all-volunteer, mobile emergency medical care service which was organized on Sept. 1, 1972 to serve the citizens of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich and Temple, N. H. The SVAS exists only to provide emergency service to the people of these four towns, but because it must serve four towns (and is, therefore, different from other emergency services such as fire and police departments which are paid for separately by each community), it exists as a separate corporate body. It owns and maintains its own equipment and is independent of any, but dependent upon all, of the four towns it serves. This means that no one town must own or keep its own ambulance equipment; rather each town contributes an equal, per-capita assessment for the support of this multi-town service.

The SVAS provides one of the least expensive ambulance services in the State of New Hampshire, and it is among the least expensive of any of the town services (see chart). The 1978 budget for the SVAS has remained at the same per capita assessment as the 1977 budget in spite of increases in expenses (e.g., insurance — see the attached budget).

None of the SVAS personnel is paid for services rendered, and they provide thousands of man hours each year answering the emergency needs of their fellow townspeople. Of the 23 attendants who served our communities in 1977, 14 are Emergency Medical Technicians, 5 are First Aid instructors, and 4 are qualified as instructors in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). We are fortunate to have such highly trained and efficient volunteer crews.

From Jan. 1 - Nov. 15, 1977, SVAS crews answered over 123 calls in the four towns (see chart for number by town); of these 73 were emergency calls, 27 were calls to accidents, and 23 were transfers.

Because the SVAS is not wholly subsidized by the towns, it must rely upon payments from individuals and insurance plans for part of its income. In 1977, \$755.00 was collected as income for the SVAS. However, this figure represents only 14.7% of the total \$5,290.00 that was billed to insurances or individuals (see chart for breakdown by town).

Some people will not pay their bills, and it has become increasingly difficult for SVAS to collect from Medicaid and other insurances. These facts have led the SVAS Directors to re-evaluate the billing policy. Already in 1977 the practice of charging individuals over 65 years of age for use of the service was discontinued. Now the possibility of not billing any individual for the service is being considered. It has proven uneconomic to send repeated billings to people who will not pay, and the "no charge" policy (which would probably save money for the Service and the towns in the long run) will be studied and discussed in the coming year with representatives of the towns.

In addition to providing the expected ambulance services in 1977, the SVAS was also involved in: continuing personnel training programs; an emergency care information program for school children in the four towns; providing supplemental staff for the Monadnock Community Hospital Emergency Room during the Memorial Day holidays; keeping the day-to-day workings of the Service before the public through a public information effort by the Directors; and continuing to upgrade and acquire necessary equipment for the protection of the people of the four towns.

The most innovative move (and the one likely to have the greatest impact upon the quality of service) was the installation of a new radio communication system for the emergency crews. In conjunction with Nelson's Answering Service, the SVAS Communications Committee (A. and J. Rodenhiser & D. Dow) researched the electronics field for "pocket pagers" for members of the service. Pagers were purchased and operating by Nov., 1977; they allow the central dispatcher to reach every crew member on the service by direct radio contact without the old, cumbersome procedure of contact by telephone. This system will improve the response time of emergency crews and equipment and will provide greater flexibility of service.

We are indebted to James Nelson of Nelson's Answering Service in Wilton, N. H. for all the time, money, and energy he has spent in helping the SVAS with its communication systems. We are, too, indebted to Chief Allan LeFreniere of Greenville for his assistance with communications. The chiefs of the various town police and fire departments have been most cooperative, and the towns of Greenville and

New Ipswich have been generous in provisions of space for the housing of our ambulances and equipment. The emergency staff at the Monadnock Community Hospital and many members of the medical staff there (not the least of whom is Dr. Robert Bailey, orthopedist and County Medical Examiner, who has spent many hours training members of the SVAS) have worked with SVAS to help provide the best possible emergency care to the people we seek to serve. We are, finally, indebted to the members of the SVAS emergency crews, who give unselfishly of themselves and their time for our common good. We thank each of you for your support of this service, and we appreciate and welcome any communications you might make for the good of the service.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MARSHALL, Chairman
JAMES HADDIX, Vice-Chairman
JOHN BUTTRICK, Director
ROSE MARIE PLANTE, Treasurer
SANDRA BENOTTI, Drivers' Rep.
Board of Directors
Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service

	Gr'nv'le.	Mason	N. I.	Temple
Fire Departments				
(per capita support)*	\$ 5.83	\$ 5.66	\$ 3.70	\$ 5.16
Police Departments				
(per capita support)*	13.07	26.32	13.26	10.86
SVAS				
(per capita support)	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Calls charged & billed				
(Nov. 15, 1977)	1,745.00	435.00	2,145.00	965.00
Amount actually collected				
(Nov. 15, 1977)	195.00	120.00	340.00	120.00
Calls made by ambulances				
(by town)	40	12	57	14
Attendants on SVAS				
(by towns)	3	4	9	7
Attendants, No. of calls by	50	30	142	124

* Based on figures compiled by the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, published in the Nov. 30, 1977 New Hampshire Times. These figures (including those for the SVAS assessment) represent 1976 figures.

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.

Financial Report for 1977

Cash Balance — Jan. 1, 1977 \$ 8,742 43

Cash Receipts:

Town of New Ipswich	\$8,500 00	
Town of Greenville	7,493 00	
Town of Temple	2,631 00	
Town of Mason	2,610 00	
	<hr/>	21,234 00

Ambulance Calls	\$1,735 00	
Donations	1,315 00	
Interest on Savings	384 18	
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\$33,410 61

Expenditures:

Operation & Maintenance of		
1972 Cadillac	\$1,456 49	
1976 Chevrolet	1,142 14	
Ambulance Supplies	555 63	
Training & Licenses	1,236 29	
Insurance — Vehicles, Malpractice,		
Workmen's Compensation	4,433 12	
Clerical Services	924 25	
Office Supplies	471 65	
Trip Expenses	199 05	
Miscellaneous	247 80	
Equipment Purchases — Pagers	6,402 95	
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Cash Balance — Dec. 31, 1977 \$16,341 24

Fund Balances:

Operating Fund	\$ 2,268 74	
Capital Equipment Fund	14,072 50	
	<hr/>	\$16,341 24

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.

1978 Budget

Operating Expenses:

Vehicle Expense	\$2,750
Communications Expense	800
Ambulance Supplies	1,000
Training & Licenses	2,000
Insurance	4,680
Clerical Services	1,000
Office Expense	300
Trip Expense	250
Miscellaneous Expense	250
Total Operating Expenses	————— \$13,030

Capital Expenses:

Replacement of '72 Cadillac and Purchase of Other Equipment	9,750
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Total Operating & Capital Expense Budget	————— \$22,780
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Deduct: Receipts from ambulance calls & other	1,500
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Balance: To be apportioned among member towns*	————— \$21,280
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*Apportionment at the rate of \$4.25 per capita:

Town	Population	Share
New Ipswich	2,000	\$ 8,500
Greenville	1,776	7,548
Temple	617	2,622
Mason	614	2,610
Totals	————— 5,007	————— \$21,280

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report — 1977

Great effort and many hours went into the Conservation Commission's portion of the impact study which considered the application of the proposed Pratt Station Development. Our conclusion, based on aerial photographs and actual site inspection, was that ground and surface water resources would be adversely affected and valuable wet lands destroyed. The aerophotography showed that many of the proposed house lots would have been under water much of the year. Also the degree of incline in much of this proposed development would create run-off problems in this hilly terrain.

It had been brought to our attention that several families in the vicinity of McCaffrey's pond were experiencing difficulties with their water supply in this very dry year, and it was felt that a survey sent to households in Mason might yield valuable information. The return can be considered high since 68 replies to the "Water Supply for Your Household" questionnaire were received. Almost 20% of those answering said they had experienced difficulties in this year of unusual water stress. A small number of these folks have trouble every late summer season. It is interesting that almost 30% of the homes replying are completely dependent on Dug Wells for their water needs. These vary in depth from five to twenty-five feet with 90% of them between 10 and 20 feet deep. Those households reporting water stress problems were approximately equally divided between having Dug or Drilled wells. There were some comments on the quality of water. There are areas in town where a high iron and other mineral content results in plumbing and taste problems. We have to assume that every household water supply is in the safe category, but if you are unsure on this important point, do have your water tested. You can pick up the testing bottle at the Chappell Professional Center, Rt. 13, Milford, N. H.

Mason's Trees, a beginner's guide, is currently being used by the Brownies for leaf identification and is available for other youth groups; please ask. If there is a strong demand for a similar publication on flowers, ferns or other natural

subjects in Mason, we shall be glad to consider your request.

Katharine Hinckley is now an active member of the Conservation Commission and we welcome her views.

Clean-up Day was May 14, 1977 and our thanks to the many people who helped clear our roadsides of unsightly litter. If you see anyone tossing trash from a car, please take their license number and call the police. If examples could be made of these irresponsible individuals perhaps the problem of broken glass, beer cans and other rubbish would be lessened. Also plan to join us next year for Clean-up Day.

Material on the disputed boundary of the Coyne Lot is now in the hands of Tom Moran, and we hope this matter can be resolved soon.

Three members of the Mason Conservation Commission attended the all day annual meeting of the State Conservation Commissions at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

We have many ideas for future projects. Growth and people will be coming to our semi-rural community in increasing numbers and we are dedicated to the ideal that the quality of our environment can be maintained and that many potential problems can be avoided by anticipation and a reasonable approach to change.

CLIFTON W. HASTINGS, Chairman

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

January 18, 1978

Mason, N. H. 03048

Board of Selectmen

Town of Mason, N. H.

Gentlemen:

“Report of the Deputy Health Officer of the Town of Mason.”

During this past year your Deputy Health Officer has been able to obtain a few water testing kits from the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission. These kits are available to Mason residents.

One of the above kits was requested during the past year.

Worked with a contractor in designing a replacement septic system for one of our older homes. This system was installed and approved.

During the time of our health officer's, Mrs. Helen McClain, sickness, I made an inspection of a proposed day care facility. This facility met all the standards set forth by the N.H. Department of Health and Welfare, and was approved.

I request that when a septic system has to be repaired in town that the homeowner talk to me and we can develop the best and fastest solution possible to upgrade our septic systems.

Also, if any of our water is being polluted, I should be notified.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH B. WILSON, Deputy Health Officer
Town of Mason, N. H.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

As you probably know, we were unsuccessful in obtaining federal money for our proposed building under either of the two phases of the Economic Development Program for New Hampshire cities and towns. There will be another opportunity at a later date involving a distribution of funds by the County Commissioners to those towns having prepared plans and sites for needed facilities.

A more certain course is to continue to set aside a significant amount each year until we have sufficient to bond the balance needed and proceed with the building on our own.

We have been working with Richard M. Monahan, Jr. of Peterborough. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects who engineered the restoration of "Historic Harrisville," N.H. We are requesting town funds in order to complete our preliminary building plans, per our contract with him, and make on site borings to determine soil conditions and to find out whether or not a cellar is feasible.

The committee expects to be in a position to offer an attractive and efficient building for your consideration by late spring or early summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Library and Town Office Building Committee

MICHAEL J. FARREY
JAMES A. ROWSE
LILLIAS JOHNSON
JEANNETTE AMMON
PAUL STEVENS

CIVIL DEFENSE

31 December 1977

To: Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mason, New Hampshire

From: Director, Civil Defense
Mason, New Hampshire

Subject: Annual Report, FY 1977

Mason Civil Defense was not involved in any minor or major disasters during FY 1977, therefore, another quiet year has gone by (the best kind).

Yearly program and emergency procedures were submitted to and accepted by the N.H. Civil Defense Headquarters in Concord. The Mason Civil Defense appropriation was applied to a water tanker presently under construction by the MVFD. This tanker will be available for any Civil Defense disasters when necessary.

CLIFTON W. HASTINGS, Director

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Several meetings of our committee were held during the year, with Earle Robinson serving as chairman. Kent Forty replaced Priscilla Cook, who resigned. Most of our discussion focused on the Town Recreation Area on Sand Pit Road for use by our townspeople in the near future. Much progress was made toward this goal during the year. Phase 2 was completed, including the remaining excavating, cutting of trees and brush around the edges of the field, raising of the field, and upgrading of the field. Our special thanks to Curtis M. Dunn, Donald Beers, and Jeffrey Parker for all their help on this project.

Phase 3 in 1978 calls for spreading of lime and fertilizer, and planting seed; finish grading and parking area; purchase and installation of bench guards, backstop, and fence; and the field layout. When the field is completed it can be used for baseball, softball, badminton, volleyball, track and field, horseshoes, and other recreational activities. Future priorities (beyond 1978) include a picnic area, children's playground, water supply, and sanitary facilities.

Beginning in February, 1978, we are planning a winter sports program at Appleton Academy gym. On Saturday mornings a supervised program of team handball, bodybuilding, volleyball, and basketball will be available for young people aged 9-18; and a volleyball program for adults will be held one evening a week.

We sincerely hope that our townspeople will be supportive of our efforts to provide better recreational facilities and programs for our youth and adults.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. BARKER, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WATER HOLE COMMITTEE

This year we were able to get a large backhoe, which was being used by the town highway department at the same time. I feel that this committee has demonstrated its ability to increase the water supply of Mason for fire-fighting purposes to warrant an increase in our budget. With the cost of heavy equipment, last year's budget disappeared in one day with work left undone. I hope this increase will change that. When you dig a water hole on private property, it is only natural that the end result must look neat and somewhat like it was before. I would at this time like to thank all who have given their full cooperation over the past years and allowed us to dig on their property. This year we dug on the property of Don Richards, Pellegrino Bonugli and the Mason Volunteer Fire Dept.

We are in the process of making a water supply map which will show water sources and houses and distances to and from each. This will aid the firemen in a better knowledge of water around town.

BRUCE W. BERRY

MASON TOWN MEETING — MARCH 8, 1977

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Moderator McCaffery. Town and school warrants read through Article 1. Polls declared open. Preview of new town map on view for corrections, questioned by citizens and land owners before final draft is made. Polls closed at 7:05 p.m. Votes cast, 173 — checklist 404.

Article 1. Elected: Selectman, 3 yrs., Harold Elliott, 150 votes; School Board, 3 yrs., Lin Robinson, 99 votes; School Auditor, 2 yrs., Lawrence Akerman, 116 votes; School Auditor, 2 yrs., Cedric Valentine, 11 votes.

RSA 72:43 b & c covering expanded exemptions on real estate for elderly (65, 75 & over 80) with certain restrictions, Yes 159, No 14.

Town Auditor: Cedric Valentine — Voice Vote.

Cemetery Trustee: Frank Newell — Voice Vote.

Trust Fund Trustee: Robert Marshall — Voice Vote.

Library Trustee: Anna Rowse — Voice Vote.

Article 2. To raise and appropriate \$122,892.00 for town charges 1977. Selectman chairman stated increase 10.9%. Causes — town off. exp., fees paid, employee retirement, Soc. Security. Fire Dept. up 5%, legal cost up \$2,000 from \$700. Discussion established fact that 3 suits were still pending. Farrey case, Police case, Bd. of Adjustment. Question — “Does Town or Selectman Farrey plan to Sue?” Answer — “Town affairs should be settled by the Town.”

Roads — good discussion — more detail desired. Rent and labor, etc. General and operational cost high. Insurance — 8 policies result in delay and guesswork. Moved to delay vote until after all discussion of warrant money articles. Lost. Question moved. Passed. Voted to appropriate and raise \$122,492.00 for 1977 budget.

Article 3. Selectmen and Treasurer authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Chairman Elliott submitted another motion: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for the purchase from Robert H. Whitaker of a certain tract of land situated on the southerly side of Depot Rd. in said Mason, N. H., containing approximately 2 acres more or less and adjoining land presently of the Mason Volunteer Fire Dept., authorizing the withdrawal of \$1,500.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 and raising \$400 by taxation. Such lot to be conveyed to the Town upon the following conditions:

(1) Reserving to Robert H. Whitaker, his heirs and assigns, a right-of-way 50 feet wide from Depot Rd. to other land of Robert H. Whitaker.

(2) Reserving to Robert H. Whitaker, his heirs and assigns, for a period of 5 years from the date of the deed, such cordwood, logs and

timber upon the premises as may be cut by the Town in the course of developing and using said land, such cordwood to be cut in 4 foot lengths and logs and timber in suitable lengths for milling. Such cordwood, logs and timber shall be given free to Robert H. Whitaker. Trucking arrangements shall be made by Mr. Whitaker at his expense. The Town shall not be liable for the cost of milling.

(3) The Town shall be responsible for obtaining such subdivision approval as may be required and for all costs and expenses relative thereto, including the cost of surveying the land to be conveyed.

Discussion loud and active. Should not be in business of cutting and lumbering wood for 5 years. Elliott showed and explained map. Rowse stated approval by Financial Bd. Lot of fill required? Fire Dept. owns 1 acre of land — not the town. Land survey to support building being made? No! Question of right-of-way-Town will own land eventually. Question moved — passed. Vote on substitute motion \$1,900.00 passed with 75%.

Article 5. Voted in affirmative to use Revenue Sharing funds as outlined. "If and when Vol. Fire Dept. becomes defunct all property becomes Town property." Quote by Fire Dept. official. Is dept. audited? No.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 Revenue Sharing money to cover cost of surveying Town owned land, now or later.

Article 7. Moved to appropriate \$4,162.00 for police cruiser. \$2,070.00 from Capital Reserve Fund, \$2,092.00 from taxation. Passed. Trade value? Total cost \$5,127.00.

Article 8. Purchasing highway equipment (\$1,000.00) as outlined in Article 8 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 9. Recreation area article. Why spend money if land not owned? No money until Town holds clear and undisputed title to land. Article amended as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 by taxation to develop, improve and equip the town recreation area: subject to the Town receiving clear title to the Baldwin Lot. Use of money? Level, cultivate and seed. Open to public. Question moved and passed. Estimated time to clear title, 90 days. Question voted and passed.

Article 10. \$3,000.00 voted for Town Library & Town Officers Bldg. from Revenue Sharing and to appoint Bldg. Committee as agents to carry out purpose as expressed in article as amended: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a building or buildings to house the Town Library and the Town Offices and authorize the withdrawal of that sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972: to place said sum in a Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose herein stated, and to appoint the Library and Town

Office Building Committee as the agents to carry out the purposes of this Fund with authority to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$3,000 for the above stated purpose.

Article 11. Voted and passed to pay \$5,000.00 Fire Truck Note — Revenue Sharing.

Article 12. Voted and passed to pay \$3,000 Dump Truck Note — Revenue Sharing.

Article 13. Moved and passed for purchase of window drapes and shades for Town Hall, \$340.00.

Article 14. Voted and passed acceptance of and appreciation for gift of land by James and Anna Rowse.

Article 15. Voted and passed acceptance of and appreciation for gift of land by Carl Hageman and Howard and Barbara Cumback.

Article 16. Voted and passed acceptance of and appreciation for furnishings and money (approx. \$400) by Fruitdale Grange.

Article 17. Voted and passed — Selectmen need authority to accept.

Article 18. Town voted and passed to change name and purpose of "Cemetery Land Purchase Fund" to "Cemetery Land Improvement Fund." (\$1,270.81)

Article 19. Discontinuing Old Brookline Rd. tabled.

Motion by James Rowse for a show of appreciation for the 25 years of service that the Town Clerk has given to the Town. Passed by a standing vote.

Motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and passed at 11:25 p.m.

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting — September 13, 1977

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Zoning ordinance for the Town of Mason as suggested in the Superior Court action in the case of Richard Berke et. al. vs Town of Mason, Michael Farrey, Intervenor.

Meeting called to order by Moderator McCaffery at 12:00. Warrant read. 369 on check list. Polls declared open. Slow dreary afternoon. Polls closed 8:00 p.m. Votes cast 166 - Votes counted.

Affirmative 112
Meeting Adjourned 8:15.

Negative 54

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN
Town Clerk

Amend Article V, Section A4 by deleting the entire section and substituting the following: Uses by Special Exception as outlined in Article VIII, Section A2.

Add to Article VIII, Section A the following:

2. Special Exceptions: The following uses may be permitted as special exceptions in the districts designated, subject to the satisfaction of the requirements and standards set forth herein in addition to all other requirements and standards of this Ordinance. The Board of Adjustment shall have the power to grant special exceptions after due notice and hearing, and each case shall be deemed to be unique and shall be considered individually.

a. Uses Permitted by Special Exception in the Historic Preservation District: church, school and municipal facility.

b. Uses Permitted by Special Exception in the Village Residential District: any use permitted in the Historic Preservation District plus inn, motel, tourist home or lodging house (including such retail business within these permitted buildings as are conducted exclusively for the convenience of the residents or guests), retail store or service establishment (the principal activities of which shall be the offering within the building or on the premises of goods or services at retail for the use or consumption within the building or off the premises), restaurant, a business or professional office, bank, indoor live theatre or hall, health care facility.

c. Uses Permitted by Special Exception in the General Residential, Agricultural and Forestry District: any use permitted in the Village Residential District plus light manufacturing enterprise, automobile repair shop, service station, recycling center, office building, public utilities (e.g. telephone exchange, transformer station and pumping station).

d. Standards

(A) Before such approval shall be given, the Board of Adjustment shall determine:

1. that the use will be in harmony with and promote the general purposes and intent of this ordinance;

2. that the safety, the health, the welfare and the order of the Town will not be adversely affected by the proposed use and its location;

3. that the use will not prevent the orderly and reasonable use of permitted or legally established uses in the district wherein the proposed use is to be located or of permitted or legally established uses in adjacent use districts; and,

4. that the use will not prevent the orderly and reasonable use of adjacent properties or of properties in adjacent use districts.

(B) In making a decision, the Board of Adjustment shall determine:

1. that the intent of the preamble is upheld;

2. the character of the existing and probable development of uses in the district, and the peculiar suitability of such district for the location of any of such permissive uses;

3. that the most appropriate use of the land is encouraged and that there will be no devaluation of surrounding properties;

4. that the location of the proposed use will not overburden the public streets or highways;

5. that there will be adequately surfaced space for purposes of off-street parking of vehicles incidental to the use, and whether such space is reasonably adequate and appropriate and can be furnished by the owner of the plot sought to be used within or adjacent to the plot wherein the use shall be had;

6. that there will be adequate and proper facilities for the treatment, removal or discharge of sewage, refuse or other effluent (whether liquid, solid, gaseous or otherwise) that may be caused or created by or as a result of the use;

7. that the use or materials incidental thereto, or produced thereby, will not give off obnoxious gases, odors, smoke or soot;

8. that the use will not cause excessive emission of electrical discharges, dust, light, vibration or noise;

9. that no hazard to life, limb or property because of fire, flood, erosion or panic will be created by reason of, or as a result of the use, or by the structures to be used therefore, or by the inaccessibility of the property or structures thereon for the convenience of entry and operation of fire and other emergency apparatus or by the undue concentration or assemblage of persons upon such plot;

10. that the use, or the structures to be used therefore, will not cause an overcrowding of land or undue concentration of population;

11. that the plot area is sufficient, appropriate and adequate for the use and the reasonably anticipated operation and expansion thereof;

12. that the use to be operated is not unreasonably near to a church, school, theatre, recreational area or other place of public assembly; and,

13. that the use will be adequately landscaped, including greenbelts and or setbacks as necessary to preserve the rural charm.

Amend Article XIII, Section A 12 (Definitions) by substituting for the definition of Public Hearing the following: a hearing as defined by New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, Chapter 31, Article 71, and as amended.

Amend Article XIII by deleting Section A 19 and substituting the following: Inn, Motel, Tourist Home or Lodging House - a building, or portion thereof, or a group of buildings on a single lot, intended to be used for temporary accommodation, consisting of not more than six (6) lodging units, with or without meals and which major provision for cooking may be made in a central kitchen, but may not be in the individual rooms or suites.

Amend Article XIII by deleting Section A 20 and substituting the following: Rooming or Boarding House - a building or premises, other than an inn, motel, tourist court or lodging house, where rooms are let and where meals may be regularly served by prearrangement for compensation; not open to transient guests, in contrast to restaurants and tourist homes, which are open to transients.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 24: Service Station - a structure or lot used for the sale of gasoline and minor servicing. No storage beyond seventy two (72) hours of such motor vehicles on the premises other than those in process or awaiting repair or pickup after repair.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 25: Auto Repair Shop - a shop or garage for major repair of motor vehicles and sale of gasoline. All vehicles in storage shall be screened from public view.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 26: Store - an establishment where merchandise is sold.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 27: Establishment - a place of business together with its employees, merchandise, etc.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 28: Recycling Center - a structure or area, singular or in combination, devoted to the collection, packaging and dispersal of refuse (excluding garbage). It must be enclosed by a fence not less than ten (10) feet high, surrounded by a natural buffer zone not less than two hundred (200) feet in depth on all sides and situated on a minimum ten (10) acre site. The operating equipment shall not exceed the height of the buffer zone.

Amend Article XIII by adding Section A 29: Light Manufacturing Enterprise - A facility limited to six (6) employees, not greater than 2,500 enclosed square feet, subject to all aforementioned standards; e.g. noise, pollution, waste generation.

THE PLANNING BOARD

Raymond B. Parker, Chairman

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Mason, N.H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1977**

Date	Name	Residence	Married by
Jan. 31	Frederick J.T. Dow	Mason, N.H.	C. F. H. Crathern
	Janet Mary Andrews	Mason, N.H.	J. P. - Mason
May 28	Steven Patrick Ryan	Wilmington, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern
	Rhoda Lee Fort	Shirley, Mass.	J. P. - Mason
May 31	Howard Mosser Liechty	Newport Beach, Calif.	Rev. Lewis S. Stone
	Helen Ward Foot	Mason, N.H.	Peterborough
June 11	Andrew Willard Pelletier	Greenville, N.H.	Rev. Roger Croteau
	Patricia Joan Graham	Mason, N.H.	Greenville
June 18	Douglas Eugene Schimke	Milford, N.H.	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Ellen Marie Morrison	Mason, N.H.	Mason
July 12	Steven Wayne Morrison	Mason, N.H.	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Donna Marie Leach	Mason, N.H.	Mason
July 17	William Edward Ziminsky	Acton, Mass.	Robert K. Ziminsky
	Marie Estrara M. Pavao	Hudson, Mass.	J. P. - Mason
Sept. 10	Roger Asa Bonner	Pinckney, Mich.	C. F. H. Crathern
	Mary Isabelle Anderson	Mason, N.H.	J. P. - Mason
Oct. 1	Kenneth Miller Rafter	Mason, N.H.	Alan J. Cronbien
	Rosemary Ashton	Bradford, N.H.	J. P. - Bradford
Oct. 8	Alan Joseph Spear	Mason, N.H.	C. F. H. Crathern
	Janet Doris Oja	Greenville, N.H.	J. P. - Mason
Oct. 15	Michael Everett Goen	Mason, N.H.	Rev. M. R. Boulanger
	Bettie Jean Corlis	Mason, N.H.	Greenville
Nov. 25	Jeffrey Bruce Parker	Mason, N.H.	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Brenda Louise Ricker	New Ipswich, N.H.	Mason

**Births Registered in the Town of Mason, N.H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1977**

Date	Child's Name	Parents
Jan. 16	Bernard Joseph Bass	Victor Robert Bass
		Maureen Bridget Blake
Mar. 14	Shannon Hope Gregory	Stewart Hill Gregory, Jr.
		Deborah Lee Gregory
Apr. 11	Amy Jean Bergeron	Robert Alfred Bergeron
		Pauline Margaret Christofore
Apr. 17	Heather White	Arthur Edward White, Jr.
		Cynthia Anne Ladley
June 13	Joel Robert Saunders	Walter Edward Saunders, Jr.
		Joyce Theresa Lagasse
June 18	Jennifer Lyn Craig	Leland Andrew Craig
		Nancy Anne Berry
Aug. 3	Dietrich Peter Bosk	Carl Lawrence Bosk
		Margrit Nmi Mathis
Aug. 5	Lisa Jane Berry	Bruce Warren Berry
		Robin Lester Harvey
Sept. 25	Mathew Youngblood	Harry Ronald Youngblood
		Susan Drumm
Oct. 28	Tracy Angela Vining	Walter Raymond Vining
		Teri Lynn Dunlap
Nov. 6	Adam Eugene Hamel	Eugene Henry Hamel
		Paula Rose Hunter
Nov. 6	Benjamin Laurence Dube	Ronald Norman Dube
		Roseanna Dougherty

Births Not Reported in the Year 1976

Feb. 23	James Lyle Covey	James Arnold Covey
		Joyce Aline MacLatchy
Feb. 27	Robert Theodore Ziminsky	Robert Victor Ziminsky
		Amy Barbara Hancock
Dec. 27	Robert David Ahern	David Michael Ahern
		Margaret Grace Cirino

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Mason, N.H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1977**

Date	Name	Residence	Cemetery
Jan. 12	Letty Strout Proctor	Townsend, Mass.	Prospect Hill, Mason
May 15	Elsie A. Resor	Mason, N.H.	Prospect Hill, Mason
July 23	Ula Williams	Townsend, Mass.	Prospect Hill, Mason
Nov. 7	Bertha M. Jackson	Mason, N.H.	Prospect Hill, Mason

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

State of New Hampshire

SCHOOL WARRANT

For Election of Officers on March 14, 1978

To the inhabitants of the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, qualified to vote in the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on the FOURTEENTH day of MARCH 1978.

GREENVILLE VOTERS at the Community Hall in Greenville at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon,

MASON VOTERS at the Mason Town Hall in Mason at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon,

NEW IPSWICH VOTERS at the Mascenic Regional School in New Ipswich at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to vote for District Officers:

1. To choose a Moderator, by ballot, for the ensuing year.
2. To choose two (2) Members of the School Board, by ballot, one from the town of Greenville, and one from the town of New Ipswich, each member so chosen to serve for a term of three (3) years.

3. To choose two (2) Auditors, by ballot, for the ensuing year.

Polls will be open for balloting at designated hours above and will not close before 6:00 p.m. in Greenville, 7:00 p.m. in Mason, and 7:00 p.m. in New Ipswich.

Given under our hands at said New Ipswich this Sixth day of February, 1978.

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
GEORGE HALBEDEL
ANNABEL ALDRICH
WALTER H. AMMON
LINDA A. ROBINSON

School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
GEORGE HALBEDEL
ANNABEL ALDRICH
WALTER H. AMMON
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School Board

State of New Hampshire
MASCENIC REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

For Annual District Meeting on March 8, 1978

To the inhabitants of the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT in the towns of Greenville, Mason and New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the MASCENIC REGIONAL MIDDLE-SENIOR SCHOOL in said District on the EIGHTH day of MARCH 1978, at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Notice: School District Officers to be elected at the Town Meeting to be held at the Community Hall in Greenville, the Mason Town Hall in Mason, and the Mascenic Regional School in New Ipswich, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning for GREENVILLE and NEW IPSWICH, and at two o'clock in the afternoon for MASON, on Tuesday, March 14, 1978.

4. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies, and to expend the same for such projects as it may designate.

6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make arrangements to harvest the mature timber on the Appleton Elementary School site and transfer all the funds gained or realized from the sales of this timber into a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of creating our own water supply for the Appleton Elementary School, or take any other action relating thereto.

7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.) to help implement RSA 189:11 (a) to make available a nutritious lunch to every pupil or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said New Ipswich this Ninth day of February 1978.

EDWARD I. AHO
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Mascenic Regional School District
BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1978-79

EXPENDITURES				
100 Administration				
110 Salaries of District Officers				
110.1 School Board	\$	350.00	\$	750.00
110.2 Treasurer		400.00		450.00
110.3 Clerk		300.00		400.00
110.4 Moderator		10.00		25.00
110.5 Supervisors of Cl. List		236.75		275.00
Total		1,296.75	1,325.00	1,900.00
135 Contracted Services of Adm.				
135.1 Auditors		1,050.00	1,100.00	150.00
135.2 Census Enumerators		229.40	250.00	250.00
135.3 Special Police			25.00	25.00
135.4 Ballot Clerks		40.00	45.00	45.00
Total		1,319.40	1,300.00	470.00
190 Other Expenses of Adm.				
190.1 Supplies		445.52	300.00	450.00

	Expended 1976-77	Budgeted 1976-77	Budgeted 1977-78	Estimate 1978-79
190.2 Membership Fees	514.60	225.00	225.00	450.00
190.3 Other Expenses	517.71	750.00	750.00	750.00
Total	1,477.83	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,650.00
Administration Total	4,093.98	3,900.00	3,095.00	4,020.00
200 Instruction				
210 Salaries				
210.1 Principals	51,210.00	51,210.00	54,283.00	53,451.00
210.30 Teachers	519,341.60	535,460.00	571,933.00	627,048.00
210.31 Substitutes	9,577.50	8,100.00	9,000.00	9,500.00
210.32 Homebound	3,002.50		500.00	500.00
210.33 Driver Education	3,830.01	2,000.00	3,124.00	3,124.00
210.40 Guidance	11,330.00	11,330.00	11,650.00	12,300.00
210.41 Librarian	8,955.33	8,940.00	9,340.00	10,050.00
210.5 Secretarial	15,667.47	15,437.00	16,348.00	23,511.00
210.9 Teacher Aides	14,856.15	9,828.00	14,202.00	11,340.00
Total	637,770.56	642,305.00	690,380.00	750,824.00
215 Textbooks	6,768.80	10,305.00	8,493.00	9,706.00
220 School Library & Audio-Visual				
220.1 Supplies & Books	6,705.38	5,405.00	4,928.00	6,191.00
220.2 Films, Charts, Globes	3,602.89	3,896.00	4,038.00	4,877.00
Total	10,308.27	9,301.00	8,966.00	11,068.00

230 Teaching Supplies	Expended 1976-77	Budgeted 1976-77	Budgeted 1977-78	Estimate 1978-79
230.1 Paper	4,595.05	7,809.00	7,283.00	7,999.00
230.2 Workbooks	6,792.34	7,935.00	7,893.00	7,435.00
230.3 Tests	1,028.91	1,281.00	1,400.00	1,171.00
230.4 General Supplies	18,578.13	20,714.00	23,435.00	27,613.00
Total	30,994.43	37,739.00	40,011.00	44,218.00
235 Contracted Services				
235.1 Testing	738.30	1,410.00		1,598.00
235.2 Special Ed. Consortium			10,650.00	10,333.00
Total	738.30	1,410.00	10,650.00	11,931.00
290 Other Expenses				
290.1 Office Supplies	1,832.83	1,990.00	2,255.00	6,200.00
290.2 Curriculum Supplies		100.00	200.00	200.00
290.3 Prof. Books & Subsc.	262.31	260.00	443.00	521.00
290.4 School Exhibits			32.00	250.00
290.5 Graduation Expenses	180.24		300.00	300.00
290.6 Assembly Programs — Dues	900.00	885.00	725.00	595.00
290.7 Travel & Course Reimb.	3,316.11	5,500.00	6,000.00	800.00
290.8 Staff Development				7,000.00
Total	6,491.49	8,735.00	9,955.00	15,866.00
Instruction Total	693,071.85	709,795.00	768,455.00	843,613.00

300 Attendance Services					
310	Truant Officers	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Attendance Services Total		0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
400 Health Services					
410.1	Salaries — Nurse	12,067.00	11,809.00	12,792.00	17,850.00
410.2	Salaries — Doctor	1,300.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		13,367.00	13,809.00	14,792.00	19,850.00
490	Travel & Supplies	92.17	413.00	291.00	393.00
Health Services Total		13,459.17	14,222.00	15,083.00	20,243.00
500 Pupil Transportation					
535	Contracted Services	55,640.00	59,640.00	79,640.00	81,640.00
Transportation Total		55,640.00	59,640.00	79,640.00	81,640.00
600 Operation of Plant					
610	Salaries — Custodians	43,032.23	39,812.00	42,206.00	52,348.00
630	Supplies	7,124.64	10,182.00	6,388.00	8,222.00
635 Contracted Services					
635.1	Trash Removal	1,055.68	1,310.00	1,320.00	2,319.00
635.2	Snow Removal	1,321.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,300.00
Total		2,376.68	2,310.00	2,520.00	3,619.00

640 Heat for Building				
640.1 Oil	20,235.18	21,000.00	21,000.00	30,141.00
640.2 Gas	153.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Total	20,388.18	21,080.00	21,080.00	30,221.00
645 Utilities				
645.1 Electricity	22,349.40	21,000.00	25,155.00	29,262.00
645.2 Telephone	4,843.56	3,640.00	4,184.00	5,616.00
645.3 Gas	292.08	350.00	325.00	325.00
645.4 Outdoor Lighting	364.45	360.00	360.00	296.00
645.5 Water			300.00	1,167.00
Total	27,849.49	25,350.00	30,324.00	36,666.00
Operation of Plant Total		98,734.00	102,518.00	131,076.00
700 Maintenance of Plant				
725 Replacements				
725.1 Instructional	6,308.56	5,604.40	6,082.00	5,904.00
725.2 Non-instructional	53.00	200.00	2,500.00	2,992.00
Total	6,361.56	5,804.40	8,582.00	8,896.00
726 Repairs to Equipment				
726.1 Instructional	1,918.34	2,459.00	2,555.00	3,310.00
726.2 Non-instructional	255.49		500.00	500.00
Total	2,173.83	2,459.00	3,055.00	3,810.00

735 Contracted Services					
735.1	Instructional	3,037.53	2,029.00	2,479.00	2,559.00
735.2	Non-instructional	3,138.53	3,750.00	14,330.00	14,581.00
Total		6,176.06	5,779.00	16,809.00	17,140.00
766	Repairs to Buildings	66,135.71	58,234.00	4,150.00	5,827.00
790	Maintenance of Grounds	557.81	2,175.00	2,450.00	4,504.00
Maintenance of Plant Total		81,404.97	74,451.40	35,046.00	40,177.00
800 Fixed Charges					
850.2	Retirement & FUTA	13,813.43	16,173.60	22,621.00	20,398.00
850.3	Social Security	40,463.37	42,854.54	43,769.00	49,972.00
Total		54,276.80	59,028.14	66,390.00	70,370.00
855.0	Insurance	6,494.85	11,620.00	11,770.00	18,636.00
855.1	Errors & Omissions	1,843.00	600.00		2,000.00
855.2	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	10,713.08	11,562.00	15,570.00	14,240.00
855.3	Life Insurance			645.00	700.00
855.4	Dental Insurance				3,198.00
Total		19,050.93	23,782.00	27,985.00	38,774.00
860	Rental of Land & Bldgs.	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Fixed Charges Total		73,327.73	82,811.14	94,376.00	109,144.00

900 School Lunch & Sp. Milk

910.2 Physicals	0.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
975.1 Federal Monies	15,176.12	6,150.00	13,158.00	13,158.00
975.2 District Monies	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00

Total

	16,676.12	7,650.00	14,658.00	14,658.00
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Lunch & Milk Total

	16,676.12	7,710.00	14,718.00	14,718.00
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1000 Student Body Activities

1010.1 Salaries	4,465.00	4,915.00	5,415.00	5,970.00
1075 General Support	7,417.15	6,371.00	8,735.00	10,455.00

Student Body Activities Total

	11,882.15	11,286.00	14,150.00	16,425.00
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1200 Capital Outlay

1265 Sites	6,237.00	9,500.00	6,000.00	0.00
1266 Buildings	14,550.35	1,000.00	228,321.00	1,000.00
1267.1 Equipment - Instructional	5,419.36	5,814.46	5,121.00	7,411.00

Capital Outlay Total

	26,206.71	16,314.46	239,442.00	8,411.00
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1300 Debt & Interest

1370 Principal	82,700.00	82,700.00	97,034.00	116,834.00
1371 Interest	40,024.06	38,734.06	37,201.00	42,829.00

Debt & Interest Total

	122,724.06	121,434.06	134,235.00	159,663.00
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	Expended 1976-77	Budgeted 1976-77	Budgeted 1977-78	Estimate 1978-79
1400 Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 In-State Tuition	9,821.36	10,821.00	11,174.00	9,542.00
1477.2 Transportation	7,588.60	7,555.00	9,925.00	9,452.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Exp.	34,906.66	34,906.66	34,006.00	39,933.00
Total	52,316.62	53,282.66	55,105.00	58,927.00
 1478.1 Out-of-State Tuition	 950.00	 950.00	 1,061.00	 0.00
1478.2 Transportation	950.00	1,900.00	2,122.00	1,344.00
Total	1,900.00	2,850.00	3,183.00	1,344.00
 1479.1 Priv. School Tuition	 12,286.56	 11,942.00	 13,860.00	 7,084.00
1479.2 Transportation	12,496.18	11,942.00	13,860.00	7,084.00
Total	24,782.74	23,884.00	27,720.00	14,168.00
Transfer Account Total	78,999.36	80,016.66	86,008.00	74,439.00
Grand Total Amount Required to Meet Budget	\$1,278,257.32	\$1,280,389.72	\$1,586,841.00	\$1,503,644.00
 Balance on Hand 6-30-77:	 35,153.41			
General	12,399.91			
Building				
	\$1,325,810.64			

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand June 30:

General

Building

10 Revenue from Local Sources

11 Taxation & Appropriation

11.11 Current Appropriation

19 Other Revenue — Local

19.10 Trust Funds

19.20 Interest on Deposits

19.30 Rent

19.40 Gifts & Bequests

19.90 Other

Total

Local Revenue Total

30 Revenue from State Sources

31.00 Foundation Aid

32.00 Building Aid

34.00 Driver Education

36.00 Sweepstakes

37.00 Incentive Aid

39.10 Foster Children Aid

State Revenue Total

	Actual 1976-77	Estimate 1976-77	Estimate 1977-78	Estimate 1978-79
\$	6,776.11	\$ 42.86	\$ 15,873.68	\$ 0.00
11,995.03				
1,097,229.44				
1,800.63		1,785.31	1,800.00	1,800.00
232.00			3,000.00	3,000.00
2,796.29				
8.00				
4,836.92		1,785.31	4,800.00	4,800.00
1,102,066.36		1,785.31	4,800.00	4,800.00
49,762.27		49,762.27	41,645.25	41,645.00
37,215.00		37,215.00	37,215.00	47,340.00
3,830.01		2,000.00	3,124.00	3,124.00
32,996.61		32,996.61	15,061.53	15,062.00
6,968.23		6,968.23	6,286.45	6,286.00
2,900.00		3,240.00	2,900.00	2,000.00
133,672.12		132,182.11	106,232.23	115,457.00

40 Revenue from Federal Sources

	Actual 1976-77	Estimate 1976-77	Estimate 1977-78	Estimate 1978-79
42.00 Vocational Education	497.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
45.00 Lunch & Sp. Milk	15,176.12	6,150.00	13,158.00	13,158.00
48.30 ESEA Title IV	2,214.52			
49.00 Other Revenue — CETA	4,689.85			
Federal Revenue Total	22,577.92	6,150.00	13,158.00	13,158.00
50-70 Non-Revenue Receipts				
51.00 Principal on Bonds	43,000.00	43,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
53.00 Premiums or Interest	404.88			
72.00 Sale of Equipment	140.00			
73.00 Net Insurance Recovery	4,399.74			
Non-Revenue Total	47,944.62	43,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
80-90 Incoming Transfer Accts.				
82.00 Transportation	738.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Incoming Transfer Accts. Total	738.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total Receipts	\$1,325,830.64	\$ 183,160.28	\$ 365,063.91	\$ 133,415.00
Grand Total Amount Required to Meet Budget Estimated Receipts		\$1,280,389.72 183,160.28	\$1,586,841.00 365,063.91	\$1,503,644.00 133,415.00
Grand Total Assessment		\$1,097,229.44	\$1,221,777.09	\$1,370,229.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977

RECEIPTS

10 Revenue from Local Sources		
11. Taxation and Appropriation		
11.11 Current Appropriation	\$1,097,229	44
19. Other Revenue from Local Sources		
19.20 Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments	2,796	29
19.30 Rent	232	00
19.40 Gifts & Bequests	1,800	63
19.90 Other	8	00
30 Revenue from State Sources		
31.00 Foundation Aid	49,762	27
32.00 School Building Aid	37,215	00
34.00 Driver Education	3,830	01
36.00 Sweepstakes	32,996	61
37.00 Incentive Aid	6,968	23
39.10 Foster Children Aid	2,900	00
40 Revenue from Federal Sources		
42.00 Vocational Education	497	43
45.00 School Lunch & Sp. Milk Program	15,176	12
48.20 Title IV	2,214	52
49.90 Other	4,689	85
50 Notes and Bonds		
52.00 Principal of Notes	43,000	00
53.00 Premiums & Interest	404	88
70 Sale of School Property and Insurance Adjustments		
72.00 Sale of Equipment	140	00
73.00 Net Insurance Recovery	4,399	74
80 Amounts Received from Other School Districts in State and Amounts Received from Capital Reserve Funds		
82.00 Transportation	778	48
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Total Net Receipts from All Sources	\$1,307,039	50

Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, 7-1-76	
General Fund	6,776 11
Building Fund	11,995 03
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$1,325,810 64

EXPENDITURES

100 Administration

110.10 District Officers	\$ 1,296 75
135.00 Contracted Services	1,319 40
190.10 Other Expenses	1,477 83

200 Instruction

210.10 Principals	51,210 00
210.30 Teachers	535,751 61
210.40 Librarian & Guidance	20,285 33
210.50 Secretarial & Clerical Assistants	15,667 47
210.90 Teacher Aides	14,856 15
215.00 Textbooks	6,768 80
220.00 School Library & AV Materials	10,308 27
230.00 Teaching Supplies	30,994 43
235.00 Contracted Services	738 30
290.00 Other Expenses	6,491 49

400 Health Services

410.00 Salaries	13,367 00
490 00 Other Expenses	92 17

500 Pupil Transportation

535.00 Contracted Services	55,640 00
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600 Operation of Plant

610.00 Salaries	43,032 23
630.00 Supplies, except Utilities	7,124 64
635.00 Contracted Services	2,376 68
640.00 Heat for Buildings	20,388 18
645.00 Utilities, except Heat	27,849 49

700 Maintenance of Plant

725.00 Replacement of Equipment	6,361 56
726.00 Repairs to Equipment	2,173 83

735.00	Contracted Services	6,176	06
766.00	Repairs to Buildings	66,135	71
790.00	Other Expenses	557	81
800 Fixed Charges			
850.20	Teachers' Retirement System	13,813	43
850.30	F.I.C.A.	40,463	37
855.00	Insurance	19,050	93
900 School Lunch & Special Milk Program			
975.10	Federal Monies	15,176	12
975.20	District Monies	1,500	00
1000 Student Body Activities			
1010.00	Salaries	4,465	00
1075.00	Expenditures & Transfers of Monies	7,417	15
1200 Capital Outlay			
1265.00	Sites	6,237	00
1266.00	Buildings	14,550	35
1267.00	Equipment	5,419	36
1300 Debt Service from Current Monies			
1370.00	Principal of Debt	82,700	00
1371.00	Interest on Debt	40,024	06
1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts			
1477.10	Tuition to Other School Districts	9,821	36
1477.20	Transportation	7,588	60
1477.30	District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	34,906	66
1478.10	Tuition to Another State	950	00
1478.20	Transportation	950	00
1479.10	Tuition to Private Non-Sectarian Schools	12,286	56
1479.20	Transportation	12,496	18
Total Net Expenditures for All Purposes		\$1,278,257	32
Cash on Hand at End of Year, 6-30-77			
	General Fund	35,153	41
	Building Fund	12,399	91
Grand Total Net Expenditures		\$1,325,810	64

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET (ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES AND GROSS TRANSACTIONS

A. RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts Plus	
Cash on Hand July 1, 1976	\$1,325,810 64
Receipts Recorded under Item 60	472 78
Receipts Reduced by Expenditures	
Recorded in the 1900 Series	8,223 29

Total Gross Receipts	\$1,334,506 71

B. EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures Plus	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1977	\$1,325,810 64
Expenditures Reduced by Receipts	
Recorded in Item 60	472 78
Expenditures Recorded in the 1900 Series	8,223 29

Total Gross Expenditures	\$1,334,506 71

ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976	\$11,995 03
Dividends — Interest	404 88

Grand Total Receipts	\$12,399 91
Total Expenditures during Year	0 00

Cash on Hand June 30, 1977	\$12,399 91

BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1977

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1977	
General Fund	\$35,153 41
Building Fund	12,399 91
Accounts Due to District	
From Federal Agency	502 81
Serial Note	13,500 00
Tuition	339 50
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Total Assets	\$61,895 63
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	0 00
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Grand Total Assets	\$61,895 63

LIABILITIES

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1977	
Building Fund	\$12,399 91
Accounts Owed by the District	
Account Nos.:	
220	1,391 40
230	2,733 96
235	822 71
630	36 12
645	516 62
725	1,348 45
726	3,548 70
735	5,845 00
766	9,541 84
790	1,500 00
1266	800 00
1267	5,389 50
1477.1	147 74
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Total Liabilities	\$46,021 95
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	15,873 68
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Grand Total Liabilities	\$61,895 63

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

	Mason School	Regional Mascenic	Total
Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$5,400.00	\$860,000.00	\$865,400.00
Issued During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	<u>\$5,400.00</u>	<u>\$860,000.00</u>	<u>\$865,400.00</u>
Payments of Principal of Debt	2,700.00	80,000.00	82,700.00
Notes & Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	<u>\$2,700.00</u>	<u>\$780,000.00</u>	<u>\$825,700.00</u>

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MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
ANNABEL ALDRICH
GEORGE F. HALBEDEL

August 1, 1977

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND TRAVEL 1977-78

Proportionate Share Paid by District and State
Apportionment based upon 50% Equalized Valuation
and 50% Average Daily Membership

	Salary	Travel
Union's Share	\$24,250.00	\$1,000.00
State's Share	3,250.00	0.00
Total	<u>\$27,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Mascenic Regional's Share	\$13,070.75	\$ 539.00

Supervisory School Union No. 63 Administration Budget

Total Administration Budget	\$37,840.60
Mascenic Regional's Share	20,396.08

**SCHEDULE OF BOND INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL
PAYABLE AT**

**Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
100 Franklin Street
Boston 6, Mass.**

Name: Mascenic Regional School District, New Hampshire

Description of Issue School Bonds (State Guaranteed)

Amount: \$750,000 Rate 4.375% Dated: May 1, 1968

Due: \$40,000 on May 1 each year 1969-85 inclusive

Due: \$35,000 on May 1 each year 1986-87 inclusive

Address: Mrs. Isabelle Alix, Treasurer, Mascenic Regional
School District, Greenville, New Hampshire 03048.

Date	Int.	Principal	Date	Int.	Principal
11-1-77	8,531.25		5-1-83	4,156.25	40,000
5-1-78	8,531.25	40,000	11-1-83	3,281.25	
11-1-78	7,656.25		5-1-84	3,281.25	40,000
5-1-79	7,656.25	40,000	11-1-84	2,406.25	
11-1-79	6,781.25		5-1-85	2,406.25	40,000
5-1-80	6,781.25	40,000	11-1-85	1,531.25	
11-1-80	5,906.25		5-1-86	1,531.25	35,000
5-1-81	5,906.25	40,000	11-1-86	765.62	
11-1-81	5,031.25		5-1-87	765.62	35,000
5-1-82	5,031.25	40,000			
11-1-82	4,156.25				

SCHEDULE OF BOND INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYABLE AT

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
100 Franklin Street
Boston 6, Mass.

Name: Mascenic Regional School District, New Hampshire

Description of Issue: School Bonds

Amount: \$750,000 Rate: 4.06% Dated: May 1, 1968

Due: \$40,000 on May 1 each year 1969/85 inclusive
 \$35,000 on May 1 each year 1986/87 inclusive

Address: Mrs. Isabelle Alix, Treasurer, Mascenic Regional
 School District, Greenville, New Hampshire 03048.

Date	Int.	Principal	Date	Int.	Principal
11-1-77	8,970		5-1-83	4,370	40,000
5-1-78	8,970	40,000	11-1-83	3,450	
11-1-78	8,050		5-1-84	3,450	40,000
5-1-79	8,050	40,000	11-1-84	2,530	
11-1-79	7,130		5-1-85	2,530	40,000
5-1-80	7,130	40,000	11-1-85	1,610	
11-1-80	6,210		5-1-86	1,610	35,000
5-1-81	6,210	40,000	11-1-86	805	
11-1-81	5,290		5-1-87	805	35,000
5-1-82	5,290	40,000			
11-1-82	4,370				

MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Serial Notes — 3½% Interest — Dated July 15, 1962

Original Amount — \$40,500

Payable: Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H. 03055

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
July 15, 1977	2,700.00	46.70	0.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976	\$	6,776	11
Received from Selectmen:			
Current Appropriation	\$1,097,229	44	
Revenue from State Sources	134,850	60	
Received from Federal Sources	22,196	94	
Received as Income from			
Trust Funds	1,800	63	
Received from Sale of			
Notes & Bonds (Principal)	43,000	00	
Received from All Other Sources	8,073	17	
Total Receipts	-----	1,307,150	78
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$1,313,926	89
Less School Board Orders Paid		1,278,773	48
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	\$	35,153	41
ISABELLE ALIX, District Treasurer		July 8, 1977	

Building Budget

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976	\$11,995	03
Received from Other Sources — Interest	404	88
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$12,399	91
Less School Board Orders Paid	0	00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	\$12,399	91
ISABELLE ALIX, District Treasurer	July 8, 1977	

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Mascenic Regional of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and find them true and correct.

LAWRENCE C. ACKERSON
FERNANDE BLACKBURN

August 2, 1977

Mascenic Regional School District

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Carl E. Bowers

The 1976-77 School Year started with an enrollment of 952 pupils in grades one through twelve as of October 1, 1976, seventeen pupils more than the preceding year. For the elementary level grade one had the largest enrollment of 107 girls and boys as compared to the previous year's enrollment of 85. Grade nine had the largest enrollment for the secondary level with a total of 115 pupils as compared to 81 for the previous year.

As of October 1, 1977 we had a total enrollment of 980, an increase of 28 additional boys and girls for the entire district.

New staff members at Mascenic Regional this year include Joan Ames — Language Department, Glenn Peterson — Art Department, Warren Smith — Social Studies, Marjorie Wood — Home Economics, and Roberta Zeller — English and Language Departments. At the elementary level, Annette Leel, Wendy Carlton and Melinda Fields.

Once again the emphasis is Back to Basics; however, I firmly believe we have always considered Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, our number one concern in all of our schools.

The Teachers in the Mascenic District have dedicated themselves to Commissioner Robert L. Brunelle's Back to Basics Theme as well as the Goals for Education in New Hampshire. These Goals are as follows:

1. Development of an Evaluation System of Education Performance at State and Local levels with particular attention to Reading and Mathematics.

2. Development and implementation of programs in Energy Education.

3. Development of curriculum and programs in Economic Education and in the teaching of the Federal and State Constitutions.

4. Continue to improve and increase offerings in Vocational Education and programs for the Handicapped.

We have continued to retain the services of the Special Education Consortium, a venture that was initiated a few years ago to better serve our children in the Mascenic District who require special educational programs to meet their particular needs. With the enactment and full implementation of Public Law 94-142 we will depend quite heavily on the specialized services from the Consortium.

The metric workshop that was held during the year for all teachers in the Mascenic District was made possible by Mr. Fernand J. Prevost, Consultant, Mathematics Education, State Department of Education, Concord, New Hampshire. This workshop was just one out of several that was attended by our teachers as a part of our Staff Development Plan to better prepare ourselves in providing better classroom instruction to our pupils.

During this past year the Mascenic Regional School Board held 26 meetings, better than two per month. This doesn't take into consideration other related meetings held throughout the year such as P.T.A.'s, School Clubs, Open House, etc.

As another year closes, I would like to thank the Mascenic Regional School Board for their continued help and support throughout this past year. A special thanks to the Administrative Staff, Teachers, and all school personnel who have contributed greatly to a sound educational program for our girls and boys.

In conclusion a very special thanks to all the Mascenic Regional School District Community for their continued support of our schools.

OUR TOWN

by the Third and Fourth Grades
Mason Elementary School

arranged and edited by Elizabeth Orton Jones

Mason is a small town. It is peaceful. There are no factories. The government is the people. When we want something we vote on it instead of heads of government deciding for us.

Once I lived in a city. Now I live in Mason. I think it is very quiet out at night. When I lived in the city you couldn't have a pet and I wanted a goat that we could milk. When we came here we bought two goats. There are two Norwegian Fjord horses here in Mason. They are caramel custard color and they have a dark stripe down their backs. The most common pets are horses, dogs and cats, which most people like and have. Dogs can play freely in Mason because there are no dog-catchers. The most common wild animals are squirrels and chipmunks. There are a lot of squirrels because there are a lot of acorns because there are a lot of trees.

Cross-country skiing is done in our town in winter. Sometimes people go snowshoeing for animal tracks. The tracks that are mostly seen are rabbits'. I like skiing and I like snowmobiling.

I like to walk on the roads. Horses like to walk on the roads, too. Sometimes old people like to walk on the roads. But my favorite thing of all is walking through the woods in the fall. You can go in the woods and lay down on the moss and dream. The flowers in Mason smell very nice and look very pretty in spring and summer. You don't have to go very far to find them and the cool quietness of the woods!

The Old Quarry is a beautiful rocky place filled with crystal-clear water. There are waterfalls coming down its worn sides. Trees are all around. There is an old road that goes to it. Near it are crumbled down houses that the workers once lived in. The water is one hundred feet deep. It is a great place for swimming.

There is a *lot* of history in Mason. Wolf Rock is our very own rock. A man stayed on it all alone one night. The wolves tried to get up but they couldn't. That is why it's called Wolf Rock. Uncle Sam's house is near Cascade Road. Many people pass by. It is one of the attractive things in Mason. The Town Pound up on Meeting House Hill was made in 1771. They put stray animals in it. It was made of stone. Near the Town Pound was the First Meeting House, built in 1753. It was only a shack. In the winter people brought footstoves to keep their feet warm. In the First Cemetery there are only two graves left.

Now there is the Church at Mason Centre. Not new, it has been here a long time. It's a beautiful old building. So's the Town Hall and so is our school. I like the Town Hall because you can do a lot of things there — plays and square dancing and things like that. I like a bean supper. I like our school. It is small but there are nice teachers and you learn a lot. There are a lot of good people in Mason. We have lots of activities. We have Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and a whole lot more. Every day we have fun things to do.

I think Mason is the best town in the United States.